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New DG Market off to ‘phenomenal success’ in downtown Madison

BY BOB DEMAREE

The new DG Market in Madison has been good for downtown residents, who once again have a place to shop for fresh food, and good for Dollar General as one of the top performers in the company.

DG Market opened at 120 East Second Street in mid-September to what the city’s economic director Tony Steinhardt III described as a “phenomenal success” at Tuesday’s meeting of the city’s Redevelopment Commission.

“It’s been so successful that our local downtown DG Market was named in the top 10% performers last quarter in the nation for Dollar General,” said Steinhardt, noting that was the first quarter for the store to operate in that location. “It’s a great statement for what’s going on. We know there was some rough patches early on” when the store was opening but that’s been resolved.

Steinhardt said Placer.ai data shows 17,000 visits to the DG

Market in its first quarter of business from September to December.

Downtown Madison had been without a grocery since the closing of Ruler Food on March 31, 2018, and the building at 120 East Second Street remained empty until DG Market made its soft opening on Sept. 14 with a ribbon cutting event Sept. 18.

Steinhardt also noted that business continues to be strong at the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing which opened over the last six months of 2023 with national retailers Five Below, Hobby Lobby, T.J. Maxx and Kohl’s.

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Handout
Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb (left) presents Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (center) the Sagamore of the Wabash at a presentation in Indianapolis last week also attended by Courtney's wife Tammy. Courtney has served on the state legislative committee for Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM) and was appointed by Holcomb to the Indiana Public Health Commission.

Holcomb honors Courtney, Grote with Sagamore of the Wabash

BY THE COURIER STAFF

With Eric Holcomb finishing out his time as Indiana’s 51st Governor this week, two Madison residents were recently among his final honorees for the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, one of Indiana’s highest and most distinguished recognitions.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney and Grote Industries President and Chief Executive Officer Dominic Grote were both honored on Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the Governor’s Office at the Indiana Statehouse just days before Holcomb’s term ended. Mike Braun was sworn in as Indiana’s 52nd Governor on Monday.

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Handout
Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb presents the Sagamore of the Wabash to Madison’s Dominic Grote, president and chief executive officer of Grote Industries, last week in Indianapolis. Grote has served on the Indiana Economic Development Corporation board and as chairman of the Regional Economic Development Committee.

Vevay man charged in 2011 cold case rape

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A 37-year-old Switzerland County man was arrested by Indiana State Police investigators Wednesday on rape and burglary charges following a 13-year investigation.

In July 2011, Indiana State Police Detectives began investigating a sexual assault that occurred near Deputy. The initial investigation indicated that a suspect entered a residence during the early morning hours of July 2, 2011 and an adult female at the residence was allegedly battered and sexually assaulted by the unidentified male before he left the home.

The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Indiana State Police responded and opened an investigation. Numerous leads were followed over the course of the investigation, which was led by detectives with the Indiana State Police-Versailles District. In late 2024, Indiana State Police Laboratory staff were able to identify a potential family member of the suspect using familial DNA investigative techniques.

Investigators were then able to identify a potential suspect as Craig Steven Long, 37, who now resides in Vevay but previously lived near Deputy. A search warrant was served on Long this week to collect DNA evidence for comparison. Laboratory personnel then compared Long’s DNA profile with DNA obtained from evidence collected in this case.

On Wednesday, investigators obtained a Jefferson County arrest warrant for Long on charges of Rape-2 counts and Burglary-2 Counts, all Level 1 felonies; and Aggravated Battery, a Level 2 felony. He was arrested without incident and transported to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and Criminal Justice Center.

On Thursday morning, Long made an initial court appearance in Jefferson County Superior Court. During that hearing, Superior Judge Blaine Goode ordered Long to be held on a \$500,000 cash bond.

During the investigation, Indiana State Police Investigators were assisted by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, Switzerland County Sheriff’s Office, Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office, and Indiana State Police Laboratory.

In early 2024, the Indiana State Police started a cold case unit which included laboratory personnel being trained in the use of Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG) and familial DNA investigative techniques.

“An arrest was made in this case due to the hard work and cooperation of investigators who continued to work on this case over the past 13 years,” said Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter. “The expertise and skill of lab personnel trained in the use of newer DNA investigative techniques was crucial in this investigation.”



Craig Steven Long

CHARLIE’S BEAT

Madpaddle resumes weekend music

Madpaddle Brewery is back open after a year-long dormancy, but the new owners are just as committed to live music, and creating the fun, convivial atmosphere we all came to appreciate back in the old MadPad glory days.

As of right now you can count on music happening every Friday and Saturday night, but as always,



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE’S BEAT

check the weekly music calendar at MadisonMusic.org for updates and schedule changes.

Before we get into our conversation with the new owners, Travas and Brenda Cooper, we need to give a nod to the man who built Mad Paddle up from scratch, Mr. Jerry Wade. With a huge investment of energy and money, Jerry turned a derelict old feed mill

into a fully modernized brewery, distillery and taproom, including a large state-of-the-art live music venue. We owe Jerry a debt of gratitude for elevating the live music and entertainment scene in Madison.

Travas and Brenda Cooper own a successful industrial services company over in Milton, Kentucky, but they’ve always had a bucket list item they wanted to cross off.

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MLK Day closings

BY THE COURIER STAFF

All offices for the city of Madison, town of Hanover and Jefferson County will all be closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

All offices will reopen for regular business Tuesday, Jan. 21. In Madison, the water office, transfer station and the Brown Gym closed. Trash and recycle pickup will be delayed by one day.

All Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 18, through Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Postal Service facilities will be closed for retail transactions on Monday, Jan. 20. There will be no residential or business deliveries. Normal delivery and collection schedules will resume Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Slide work to begin next week on SR 156 in Switzerland

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Accordind to Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), a slide correction project on State Road 156 in Switzerland County will

begin on or after Monday, Jan. 20. Slide correction work will take place on State Road 156 approximately 4.7 miles west of State Road 56 between Rising

Sun and Patriot and is expected to be completed in mid-September, weather permitting. Temporary traffic signals will be utilized while slide correction work is in progress. Sig-

nage will be placed in the area prior to the start of construction. Additional work will take place at this location following slide correction work, with overall contract

completion scheduled for December 2025. This work is part of a \$4.8 million INDOT contract awarded to Paul H. Rohe in February 2024. Drivers are reminded to

slow down, use extra caution and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

January 13, 2025

Rocky Vincent Brown, 41, Franklin, Indiana, to serve 4 days jail, consecutive on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
Roger Dale Griffin, 52, Madison, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

January 14, 2025

Donny Ray Chandler, 33, Madison, for Communication Intimidation and Domestic Battery, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.
Ashley Dawn Martinez, 30, Milton, Kentucky, to serve 90 days jail, consecutive on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
Andrew Jay McCrobie, 33, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Angela L. Meyer, 50, Osgood, Indiana, for Resisting Law Enforcement and Criminal Recklessness, both Level 6 felonies; Resisting Law Enforcement and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, both Class A misdemeanors; and Reckless Driving and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, both Class C misdemeanors. No bond.
Mitchell Blane Robbins, 26, Madison, for Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and to hold on an unspecified warrant for another county. No bond.
Courtney Belle Witte, 30, Scottsburg, Indiana, for Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug and Possession of a syringe, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Patricia L. Witte, 52, Moores Hill,

Indiana, for Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and to hold in an unspecified warrant for another county. No bond.

January 15, 2025

Anna Marie Fitzgerald, 32, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
Leanna Hunt Geyman, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
John C. Mefford, 42, Dupont, on three Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear (drug, paraphernalia, theft and driving while suspended charges). Bond a combined \$5,500 cash.
Jerica Jewell Kenworthy, 27, Canaan, Indiana, on Jefferson County warrants for probation violation (drug, obstruction, battery, resisting charges). Bond \$2,500 cash.
James C. Kolson, 39, Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, to serve 659 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
Craig Steven Long, 37, Vevay, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant for Rape-2 Counts and Burglary, all Level 1 felonies. Bond \$500,000 cash.
Roger L. Young, 65, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Warren Eugene Brooks II, 43, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Brian Keith Warren, 60, Dupont, Indiana, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

January 10, 2025

Kristina M. Hayes, 48, Dupont, Indiana, for Criminal Trespass, a Class

A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 days jail plus \$189 in court costs.

January 13, 2025

Rocky Vincent Brown, 41, Franklin, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 1 day jail served, 540 days suspended to supervised probation and balance of 4 days to be executed plus \$789.50 in fees and court costs and 180-day loss of driver's license.
Cheyenne Malynn Hoffman Wood, 18, Moores Hill, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs, restitution in an amount to be determined and 90-day loss of driver's license.
Ramon Escobilla Perez, 53, Hanover, Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 6 days jail served and 359 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day loss of driver's license.
Nicholas T. Isaacs, 26, Carrollton, Kentucky, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189 court costs.
Abbie Michele King, 34, Salem, Indiana, for Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs. Probation shall terminate upon proof of a valid operator's license.
Thomas Edwin Grayson, 33, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days jail served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day loss of driver's license.
Jedidiah J. Puckett, 39, Milton, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B

misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

Kimberly S. Scales, 57, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 180 days of unsupervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs,
Steven E. Wells, 65, Madison, to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and placed on 365 days supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs.

January 14, 2025

Andrew Joseph Sexton, 34, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony, with Enhancing Circumstance. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 104 days jail serve and 3 years, 261 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.
Shawn Michael Rush, 20, Madison, to amended charge of Neglect of a Dependent and Dealing in Marijuana, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days jail for Neglect on alternate judgment as a Class A misdemeanor, consecutive to 180 days jail for dealing marijuana on an alternate judgment as a Class B misdemeanor, with credit for 2 days jail served and balance suspended to supervised probation plus \$739 fees and court costs.
Jacob R. Alexander, 32, Milton, Kentucky, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Syringe, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the methamphetamine charge consecutive to 180 days on the syringe charge, with credit for 4 days jail served and 541 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.
Ian Garrett Dickerson, 27, Louisville, for Operating Without a Valid License,

a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 10 days jail, served plus \$189.50 in court costs.

Nicole Lynn Morgan, 35, Madison, to amended charges of Maintaining a Common Nuisance, a Level 6 felony, and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction for the Nuisance charge, suspended to supervised probation, consecutive to 8 days jail for paraphernalia charge, served, plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

John Paul May, 49, Charlestown, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 3 days served, 2 days to be executed and 360 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 180-day loss of driver's license with specialized driving privileges granted.

Dennis Shane O'Neal, 42, Madison, to amended charges of Battery on a Public Safety Official, Intimidation, and Resisting Law Enforcement, all Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 450 days at Indiana Department of Correction on each count, concurrent and fully executed, with credit for 82 days of jail served; plus \$389 in fees and court costs with no contact orders in effect.

Amy Miller, 43, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with no credit for time served and consecutive to balance of 496 days probation violation on prior possession of methamphetamine conviction plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

January 15, 2025

Tyrone Ward, 47, Austin, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days to jail with credit for 15 days jail served, 15 days executed and 340 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and driver license suspended for 180 days.

MUSIC

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“My grandparents owned a bar when I was a kid, and I always wanted to try it for myself,” explains Travas. Brenda continues, “We started looking at Mad Paddle about a year ago. The historic building, the atmosphere, the location ... it just has so much potential to be such a special place.”
The Coopers left a lot of things unchanged. “The amazing self-serve beer wall is back open with 20 plus choices. We’re even bringing back the super

popular Blood Orange Mad Paddle beer. We will be opening the patio again, we’ve heard from a lot of folks how much they loved that. But we’ve tweaked a lot of things, too.”
“We have full liquor service at the bar now, that was a big request from customers. The beer prices are generally lower, especially domestics. We are changing out the tables in the big Truss Room, from the beer hall benches to a more traditional table and chair setup. And in the upstairs room, we are really leaning into making that a sports bar concept, with lots of TVs and table service.”

“But actually the big change we are very excited about,” continues Brenda, “is we are going all in on food service. We currently have a somewhat limited menu of smoked foods and sides, but we are putting in a full kitchen so we can really expand the menu very soon. We were fortunate to hire Tori Miller, who used to manage Crystal and Jules, and she has brought so many great ideas and insight to get us going.”
“As far as music goes,” adds Travas, “we think it’s important to the experience, and we are committed to being part of Indiana’s Music City. We have our daughters, Ambree and Olivia, doing a lot of the band booking. We’re still figuring out the economics of hiring bands and all the rest, but we’ll find our groove. Just wait until the weather warms up and we can open the doors and really make this a fun and festive place!

“We want people to love Mad Paddle as much as we do, and we want to be a big part of the Madison community. I encourage everyone to give us a try, whether you were an old Mad Paddle fan or you’ve never visited. We think you’ll like the friendly vibe we’ve created here.”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Keith Scott is coming back to town this weekend! Keith is a “real deal” Chicago bluesman, having played with many of the great post-war blues legends who called the Windy City home. Several years ago he made a connection and came to Madison to play a gig, and Indiana’s Music City has been one of his favorite haunts ever since. This weekend he’s doing a “three-fer,” first on Friday at Tailgators on the hilltop, then on Saturday at Mad Paddle downtown, and finally on Sunday at The SPOT art gallery. His




Travas and Brenda Cooper, new owners of Mad Paddle Brewery in downtown Madison, are pictured.

Charlie Rohlfling

energy and smile are infectious, and his blues guitar is mean and dirty! His shows will be on my to-do list this weekend.
Another Saturday show that jumps off the calendar is the “Pajamas & Candlelight” party at Thomas Family Winery, with the great duo of Mike & Justine providing the music. Steve Thomas always

knows how to create a warm and fun atmosphere, so don your jammies and check this one out!
Charlie Rohlfling is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

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WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:55 a.m.
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Temperature: High 38, Low 26, Mean 32.0, Deficit 0.2
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, January 2025: 2.27
Precipitation, 2025: 2.27
Barometer: 29.98, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.07, Steady
Forecast: Saturday: Rain/Snow High 43/Low 21; Sunday: Cloudy High 26/Low 2; Monday: Mostly sunny High 16/Low 1; Tuesday: Partly cloudy High 14/Low 3.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Cash Ball: 8-17-31-34 CB 14 (1/15)
Lucky For Life: 19-31-33-36-46 LB: 7 (1/15)
MEGAMILLIONS: 4-14-35-49-62 MB: 6, MP 3 (1/14). Next Jackpot: \$113 million. Next Drawing (1/17)

POWERBALL: 8-41-52-53-58 PB: 7, PP 3 (1/15). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$331 million. Next Drawing (1/18)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 11-15-25-51-54 PB: 15 (1/15). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (1/18)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

January 17
Lisa Crutchfield

January 18
Kim Nyberg
Tiffini Poling
Zane Williams

January 19
Debi Brim
Matt Chandler
Jeff Davis
Judi Mechem
Scott Tebbe

January 20
Pete Backus
Tammy Beitel

January 21
Ashley Schutte

January 22
Steve David
Randy Wilson

January 23
Cami Keltch
Terry Rowlett

OBITUARIES**Martin Wheeler Jr.**

Martin Wheeler, Jr., age 89, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 27, 1935, in Verona, KY. He was the son of the late Martin and Blanche Hudson Wheeler. He was raised in Carroll County near Worthville, KY. Martin died on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at 11:15 p.m. at the Water's of Clifty Falls in Madison, IN.

Martin is survived by three half brothers, Jerry Turner of Arlington, TX, Richard Turner of Arlington, TX, James A. Wheeler of KY; his caregiver, Shirley Baker of Dillsboro, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Wheeler, his mother, Blanche Hudson Wheeler Turner, his niece and caregiver, Jeannette Anglemeyer, his step father, Charlie Forest Turner, his half brothers, Charles Edward Turner, William Eugene Turner, Robert Henry Turner, Cecil

Wheeler, his half sisters, Martha Jean Turner McPherson, Helen Frances Turner, Virginia M. Wheeler, and Belle Mcdowell.

Graveside services will be conducted Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., by Pastor Caleb Brewster at the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery, 600 West Fifth Street in downtown Madison, IN.

Friends may visit Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, from 10 — 11 a.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to donor's charity of choice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Larry W. Lockridge

Larry W. Lockridge, age 73, of New Castle, DE, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

Born in Madison, IN, on Feb. 6, 1951, he was a son of Lola (Robbins) Lockridge and the late Morris "Midge" Lockridge. Larry graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1968. He was a member of the National Guard during the 1970's. Larry worked for Bechtel Construction company as a Procurement Manager from 1981 to 2014, which took him across the country as well as Turkey and India. Larry enjoyed traveling, listening to music, and spending time with his children and their families.

In addition to his father, Larry was preceded in death by his first wife, Robin; sister, Roberta; and granddaughters, Elizabeth Marie and Alanna Louise.

He is survived by his mother, Lola; brothers, Donnie and Shawn;



sister, Patty; sons, Cory (Tonya), Stuart (Bridget), and Alex (Jen); grandchildren, Kylee (Logan), Cody, Clifton (Madison), Bennet, and Colby; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

All services will be held in the spring in Madison.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's memory to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD, 21741 (www.michaelfox.org/).

To leave online condolences, visit: www.spicermullikin.com.

Mary Ann (Tedder) Talbott

Mary Ann (Tedder) Talbott, age 82, of Jeffersonville, IN, formerly of Madison, IN, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, KY. She was born Dec. 6, 1942, in Adair County, KY, to Silas A. Tedder and Nettie E. (Hamm) Tedder. She completed her high school education at Taylor County High School. She graduated nursing school from Kentucky Baptist Hospital School of Nursing followed by completion of her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Ball State University. Mary Ann's career spanned over 40 years in several different specialties. The majority of her career was spent as an Intensive Care Nurse providing excellent care for both patients and families as if they were her own. Alongside an illustrious career in the ICU, she obtained her Critical Care Nursing Accreditation also known as CCRN. She was then given the opportunity to teach nurses in several Southern Indiana hospitals. She lived a life of faith and service to her family, church, and profession.

She is survived by her two sons, Jonathan



E. Talbott and his wife Kathryn of Jeffersonville, IN, and Timothy R. Talbott and his wife Michele Kawood of Fredericksburg, VA, granddaughter Elizabeth Talbott, grandson Tate Talbott, brother Roy (Laurene) Tedder, brother-in-law Herman Seaborne, sisters-in-law Janet Tedder, Beverly Tedder, and Tina (John) McWilliams, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband Lionel A. Talbott, parents Silas A. and Nettie E. Tedder, seven sisters, and two brothers.

A visitation will be held at Eastside Christian Church, 2319 Veterans Parkway, Jeffersonville, IN, 47130 on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, from 9 a.m. until noon followed by a celebration of life ceremony at noon.

Tracy Jo Sargent Evans

Tracy Jo Sargent Evans, age 61, of Jasonville, IN, formerly of Trimble County, entered this life on Aug. 28, 1963, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of Charles J. and Nancy Carol McClure Sargent. Tracy died on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, at her home in Jasonville, IN.

Tracy will be missed by her loving mother, Nancy Carol McClure Sargent of Milton, KY; her sister, Elaine C. Sargent Miller of Madison, IN; her brother, Charles Ray Sargent of Milton, KY; her nephews, Wesley Konkle, Tyler Konkle, Adam Konkle, C.J. Sargent, and Charlie Demaree; several cousins and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles J. Sargent, her husband of 34 years, Kurt Dewayne Evans,

died Dec. 22, 2023, and her grandparents, Carroll Ray McClure, Ila Marie Wright McClure, Charles T. Sargent, and Margaret Smith Sargent. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Milton, KY.

Friends may visit Monday from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Arnold Keith Headen

Arnold Keith Headen, affectionately known as Keith, age 65, was a beloved member of the Vevay, IN, community. He passed away at 1:07 p.m., Friday, Jan. 10, 2025, in the comfort of his home. Keith was born on Nov. 4, 1959 in Lexington, KY.

Keith will be deeply missed by his wife, Sarah (Baggett) Headen of Vevay, IN; his sons, Elijah James Headen of Erlanger, KY and Lucas Tanner Headen and his companion, Aren of Erlanger, KY; his mother, Gloria Dell (Harden) Headen of Lexington, KY; his sisters, Marcia Kelly Sampson and her husband, Stirling of Nicholasville, KY and Kendra Dell Murphy and her husband, Keith of Stamping Ground, KY; his mother-in-law, Nancy Anne Baggett of Owensboro, KY; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Paula and Kenneth Pardue of Scottsville, KY, Billie "Jeannie" Penrod of Owensboro, KY and Deana and Baggett

and her fiancé, Shane of Owensboro, KY; his nieces and nephews, Chad, Sydney, Kaelyn, Lindsey, Clayton, Kendra, Kyle, Ginger and Jordan and his 13-great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Curtis "Whitey" Headen, and his father-in-law, Billy Dean Baggett.

A Memorial Gathering will be held from 4 — 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Memorial Services will be conducted at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, by Pastor Mike Barnes, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, IN, 47043.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arnold "Keith" Headen Fund through the Community Foundation of Switzerland County. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Frederick J. Cantrell

Frederick J. Cantrell, age 80, of Madison, IN, formerly of Jeffersonville, entered this life on Jan. 12, 1944, in Marion, IN. He was the loving son of the late Omer James and Phyllis Downam Cantrell. Fred died on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at 4:44 p.m., in the emergency room of the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, IN.

Fred will be missed by his loving daughters, Amy J. Cantrell of Hidden Valley Lake, California, Sheri R. Putman of Noblesville, IN; his grandchildren, Deynn Em Barnes, Saxton James Barnes, and Hailey Bay Barnes; his brother, Richard Cantrell; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Omer James Cantrell, his mother, Phyllis

Downam Cantrell, his brother, Kim Cantrell, and his wife, Carol S. Broy Ferree Cantrell, died Oct. 27, 2020.

Memorial services will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, at 4 p.m., by Pastor Brynen Chitwood at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2632 Michigan Road in Madison, IN.

Friends may greet the family Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m., at the Calvary Baptist Church, 2632 Michigan Road in Madison, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hope Valley Community Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Malcolm Reid "Mike" Bragg (Ret. U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt) 83, of Bradenton, FL, and formerly of Hanover, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Raymond Earl Bryant, 82, of Bedford, KY, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home in La Grange, KY, with burial at Louisville Memorial Gardens East in Louisville.

Bettie Lou Chappell, 84, of Worthville, KY, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at New Funeral Homes in Owenton, KY, with burial in the Wheatley Masonic Cemetery in Wheatey, KY, www.mcdonaldandnew.com.

Jeannie Elizabeth Davis, 59, of Ft. Thomas, KY, and formerly of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Ft. Thomas. Arrangements will be announced by Tan-

dy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Gwen Woosley Drury, 63, of Worthville, KY, died Monday, Jan. 13, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17, at Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home in La Grange, KY, with burial in Valley of Rest Cemetery in La Grange.

Patrick Jason Garner, 45, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, after a brief battle with cancer. Memorial service was Thursday, Jan. 16, at Prewitt Funeral Home in New Castle, KY, www.prewitts.com.

Lois Jean Harmon, 73, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at her home in Carrollton. A celebration of Life will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

James Milton "Jim" Montgomery, 81, of Carrollton, KY, died Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025. Funeral service is 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton with burial in the English Cemetery near Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Miles Ridge park proposal raises concerns for nearby gun range

BY BOB DEMAREE

The development of a proposed park in the vicinity of the Miles Ridge subdivision on Madison's hilltop raised concerns over the city's nearby gun range at Tuesday's Redevelopment Commission meeting.

With Economic Development Director Tony Steinhardt III reporting that a park at Miles Ridge was included in the city's park master plan, concerns were expressed by commission member Cary Strouse, who is also vice chancellor of human relations and strategic operation for Ivy Tech Community College Madison, about presence of Madison Police Department's firing range near Ivy Tech Drive that's used for law enforcement practice shooting.

"Does that mean we have a plan for the range, to move the firing range?" Strouse asked, adding, "We need to if we're going to put a park there."

Mayor Bob Courtney said plans for a Miles Ridge park "are very conceptional" at this point.

"We have at least a dozen park assets that are in different stages of needing to be redeveloped or deferred maintenance corrected,"

said Courrtney. He said Miles Ridge is an area considered for a park in the master plan because it's on the east side of the hilltop where no park exists. "With that housing development and just the size of Miles Ridge, it needs a park up

there, but we have not gone far enough to say if we do put shelter houses and trails there, we also have to move the gun range. It would make sense. We just have not got there."

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County leaders looking to capitalize on River Ridge success

BY BOB DEMAREE

Based on the booming success of the River Ridge Commerce Center in Clark County, two county officials are encouraging Jefferson County to work toward and begin preparing for similar growth during Tuesday’s County Council meeting.

County Council member Chris Shelton encouraged a push for widening State Road 62 from the top of Hanover Hill to Charles-town at last month’s Council meeting. “I think that’s the future of Jefferson County in having that connector” to River Ridge. “It’s just unbelievable how it’s filling up” with businesses, and with the jobs being created by River Ridge. People are going to need places to live, and let’s face it, Jefferson County is a great place to live ... It allows us to grow as a community and have more of the amenities that we want in our city and our county.”

Commissioner David Bramer echoed his support, expressing that efforts to expand the highway works well with what the Commissioners are doing in contracting with American Structurepoint of Indianapolis to develop an infrastructure master plan for the county. He said one area of the county that will be a focus of the study is Saluda Township, the township located

nearest to Clark County.

With an effort geared towards improving the highway, Bramer said “that will help timing-wise to have a plan in place because there is going to need to be funding” for any infrastructure improvements that might be required to encourage potential growth in Jefferson County. “We should strike while the iron is hot.”

In other business, the Council:

- Unanimously elected Chris Shelton as County Council president for 2025, replacing Heather Foy who served in that role in 2024. “Thank you everyone for the opportunity to serve as president this year,” said Shelton, noting he last served as president in 2018. “I’m ready to give it another run.” Gary Copeland was the unanimous choice for vice president, replacing Shelton who served in that role last year.
- Council member Dwayne May commended Foy for her work as president in 2024. “Heather, I would like to thank you for your leadership last year especially trying to unify us with the Commissioners, working better as a unit of government. I really appreciate that. I think that was outstanding.”
- Approved an amendment to the interlocal agreement between the county highway

departments of Jefferson and Scott counties related to sharing chip seal equipment for maintaining county roads. The amendment specifies that each county will be responsible for the maintenance and insurance costs for the equipment purchased and owned by that county.

- Approved resolutions for three temporary loan transfers for county operations to be paid back by the end of 2025, a procedure that the county has been done in recent years to ensure adequate funding until the county’s tax draw in June. The transfers include \$1,100,000 to the general fund with \$500,000 coming from the Cumulative Court-house fund and \$600,000 from LIT (local income tax); \$300,000 to the motor vehicle highway fund from casino revenue; and \$25,000 to the reassessment fund from the Cumulative Court-house fund.
- Approved County Council appointments for the year including: Dwayne May, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Board; Chris Shelton, Insurance Board; Heather Foy, Public Defender Board; Ray Denning, Community Corrections Board and Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; Ray Black Jr., 911 Board

and Plan Commission; Gary Copeland, Visit Madison Inc.; and Pam Crozier, Southeastern Indiana Recycling District. There was also a discussion on whether the Council President is required to serve on the EMA board so verification will be sought on if both May and Shelton can serve on that board.

- Approved the appointment of Josh Abbott to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism and the appointment Mike Estes to the Economic Development Board.
- Approved an updated salary ordinance that includes changes made at the December meeting of the County Council with changes in longevity annual rates in the County Sheriff’s Department, a Sheriff’s Department sign-in bonus after six months, and new staffing and pay rates in the County Clerk and County Auditor offices.
- County Auditor Heather Huff said the new time clock system is in the process of being implemented in the Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Assessor and Commissioners offices. There previously had not been a process of clocking in and clocking out. “I think it is a good thing,” said Shelton. “I think the amount of accountability it brings forward and documenta-

tion is fantastic.”

- County Sheriff Ben Flint reported that he has been elected to the board of directors of the Indiana Sheriffs Association.
- Animal Shelter Director Tricia Parker said a meeting is scheduled Friday with Grinsfelder Associates of Fort Wayne, the architectural firm developing a design for a proposed new Jefferson County Animal Shelter, in an effort to generate funding support for the construction of a new facility. Shelton said, “I’m definitely looking forward to the concepts on the new shelter because I think once we have actual plans and drawings, and something people can see, and they can buy into that this is coming, we can get the additional support to get it built.”
- With the county being awarded \$3 million in Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) funding for a Krueger Lake Campground at the Jefferson Proving Ground, Commissioner David Bramer said work is underway on qualifications for a potential operator and a request for proposals for construction. Final approval of the award is still needed by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and funding likely won’t be available for a few more months.

Plan Commission avoids ‘spot zoning’ on Vaughn Drive house

Issues to be handed off to BZA

BY BOB DEMAREE

With an existing structure built on property zoned open space, an application to rezone that land as historic district residential was denied at Monday’s meeting of the Madison Plan Commission with the thought that the issue might better be handled by the city’s Board of Zoning Appeals.

The application for a zoning change for the structure at 1023 Vaughn Drive was filed by Ryan Leach, owner of Leach & Brown Construction LLC, on behalf of owner John Bennett and is needed before any improvements can be made to the house. “We’re not messing with the footprint. We’re just extending the walls” on the porch that goes around the house, Leach said.

Ray Dibaya of the city’s planning office said the structure, which sits on stilts, was built in 1996 but there is no information in the city’s records specifying how it happened to be

built in an area zoned open space.

“I think this is one of those that got through somehow,” said Plan Commission President Josh Wilber. “We’ve seen some others on open spaces. A lot of the parcels I don’t think anybody thought would get developed at any point, then all of sudden they were, but they weren’t getting rezoned.”

Dibaya said there are three other residences on that block in areas also zoned open space.

Lisa Hammock, who with her husband Tony, owns adjacent property to the east said they had their property surveyed, and found that 1023 Vaughn Drive is right on the lot line. “There is not three feet setback or anything,” she said. “I have concerns about that,” adding the north portion of the structure may actually be over the lot line.

Wilber said the issues related to zoning and setbacks on the property pro-

vide proof “why we need this process.”

Charlie Ricketts said he doesn’t have a problem with the work Leach is wanting to do the structure noting that to “not change the footprint, only enclose the deck will in all likelihood make it better.” However, he said as a resident of Madison, “it’s a classic example of spot zoning, and that’s usually frowned upon. I think the board should find a way to grant what he wants to do ... Once you start opening up the riverfront to spot zoning, there’s a lot of areas down there that people could come and ask for a zoning change to build something on stilts.”

The silts are needed since the property is also located in the city’s flood plain along the Ohio River.

Ricketts said the Riverfront Development Committee “has done a great job of bringing the riverfront back. The river is our most valuable asset. Madison wouldn’t be here without the river, and we need to protect it. I just think it would be wrong to change

the zoning” while still finding a way for the work to be done on the structure.

Wilber said the “hard part is there’s already a structure” on the property where someone lives, and with the current zoning it doesn’t allow for the applicant to do any work on the building. “What we have now is a completely wrong zoning for this property, and now we’re having to deal with it today.”

Plan Commission Vice President Patrick Thevenow said he felt more comfortable not changing the zoning, but to have the

Board of Zoning Appeals consider a variance for conditional use.

Commission member Karl Eaglin agreed that by not making the zoning change, it would “keep us from opening up that can of worms as far as spot zoning all across the riverfront.”

Dibaya said because the structure has been on the property so long “it’s been grandfathered in” to allow it be there, even though the open space zoning doesn’t permit permanent structures. “If you want to make any renovations to

it, then you have to bring it into conformance, so it can stay being used as a residence right now” but the variance is needed.

In other action, the Plan Commission approved an application from Duane Raab, 117 St. Michaels Avenue, to combine two parcels where he wants to build a garage.

As the first meeting of the year, the Commission also held its annual reorganization. Wilber was reelected president of the Plan Commission and Thevenow was reelected vice president for 2025.

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Strouse said the shooting range has recently been a “hot topic” at Ivy Tech. “With the school being right there they’ve been firing larger weapons, and we’re in constant contact with the (Madison police) chief and sheriff’s department. It’s a concern among students and some of our staff,” he said.

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“There always talk about a honeymoon period” for businesses after initial openings but Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing “didn’t have a honeymoon period. It’s stayed consistent now for one full year,” Steinhardt said. In December, Placer.ai data shows 110,000 visits to the Shoppes at Sunrise Crossing, which was more than December 2023. For the first year, he said there were 800,000 visits to the shopping center.

Steinhardt said work continues to attract one more tenant for the front building that now houses Mattress Firm and Domino’s Pizza. He said efforts also continue to bring

a restaurant to the lot behind the AutoZone that’s adjacent to the shopping center.

With Winterwood Incorporated finalizing purchase in December on adjacent property for the first phase of Residences at Sunrise Crossing, Steinhardt expects work to begin “as soon as the weather breaks” with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled when weather improves. The first phase of Residences at Sunrise Crossing will include 93 units and a clubhouse with a second phase to follow that is expected to provide an overall total of approximately 183 housing units.

Steinhardt anticipates construction will take 12 months with buildings leased as each are complete. “We’re hoping this time next year, quarter

Strouse said that when the gun range was established in its current location many years ago that the area was undeveloped and a suitable location, but that no longer the case. “There’s been so much growing up around it,” he said, noting he agrees that law enforcement officers “need to practice, but it used to be out on its own. Now it’s not,” and it’s time to find another location. “There are places we could put it to get it out of the way of people.”

one in 2026, that some are ready for rent and rotate those (building openings) through the summer of 2026,” he said.

Mayor Bob Courtney outlined a direction for the Redevelopment Commission over the next year. “We’re going to continue to focus on housing, infrastructure, parks and placemaking, and lever our dollars up. We think we can easily bring in another \$100 million of new investment into the city this year, leading the way with our investments.”

In other business, the Redevelopment Commission conducted its annual leadership reorganization, opting to remain the same as the last few years with John Grote as president, Dan Hughes vice president and Joe Craig secretary.

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Jaynes seeks Carroll school tax increase for universal preschool

Expanding preschool, upgrades part of plan to improve test scores

BY MARK CAMPBELL
Carroll County Superintendent Casey Jaynes was making the rounds this week presenting his case for a property tax increase that would allow a restructuring of the local school system and, more importantly, provide resources for more students to get off to a better start in education by attending preschool.

Jaynes made presentations to Carrollton City Council on Monday night and Carroll County Fiscal Court Tuesday morning noting that the district's students would be better prepared for academic success — and improving test scores in low performing areas like reading and math — if the school system made universal preschool available to all Carroll County children.

He said data from school districts with universal preschool shows that providing preschool leads to better educated students. With single parent homes or both parents working, many families no longer make or have the time to read to children and provide the academic foundation that prepares children for kindergarten. Having preschool should result in higher test schools, better educated students and ultimately a stronger Carroll County workforce.

According to Jaynes, only about 50% of Carroll County's children attend the district's preschool program — mainly those from low income families who qualify for assistance — and 50% off the county's students don't read at a third grade level by the time they're supposed to. That lack of academic foundation follows some students throughout school impacting other areas of study.

Jaynes said local educators want to implement a district facility plan that would "offer" preschool to all children. "We would

offer it. It would not be a requirement," said Jaynes. However, he said the goal is to have 80% or more of the county's children participate in the program and added that with limited daycare and preschool options in the county, many parents would opt in as a constructive way to meet some of their childcare needs.

But offering preschool to such a large group of children will require facility improvements and staffing in a school district that is already facing needs. The proposal he presented would be to convert Carroll County Middle School into an elementary school for the county's roughly 650 students in grades 1-5, shift middle school students — grades 6-8 — to the current Cartmell Elementary located next to Carroll County High School and expand the high school by developing a junior high/high school campus. Those moves would then free up Kathryn Winn Primary for use as the county's preschool building.

Jaynes noted that some remodeling will be needed at the middle school — mainly in the cafeteria to be able to handle that many students at lunchtime — and the high school campus would be redesigned and developed in a way that creates more options for programming at both the middle school and high school. There would be a new auditorium, space for technology and improved band and athletic facilities among others and the county could avoid the more expensive option of building a new high school.

"An all new high school would cost about \$70 million," said Jaynes. "This way we can utilize the building we have. A new elementary is about \$40 million. The goal is the utilize our existing buildings."

To pay for all of that, Jaynes is proposing that Carroll increase the county's property tax for education by 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, which he said would generate another \$917,000 in annual revenue in addition to the roughly 4% annual increase in assessed valuations. The move would increase the school district's bond potential — the amount of money the county can borrow for school facilities based on its ability to make annual payments — to \$37 million and provide the funds to make the proposed changes.

Jaynes said the county already pays 5 cents per \$100 based on the nickel tax implemented with the legislature's Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990, but while Carroll's tax has remained that same nickel the last three decades, many other counties have increased their local school taxes by one or two more nickels to pay for improvements like those now proposed for Carroll. He said the actual cost to property owners for the 10-cent increase breaks down to about \$2.15 per day on a \$100,000 home in a county where the median home price is \$122,300.

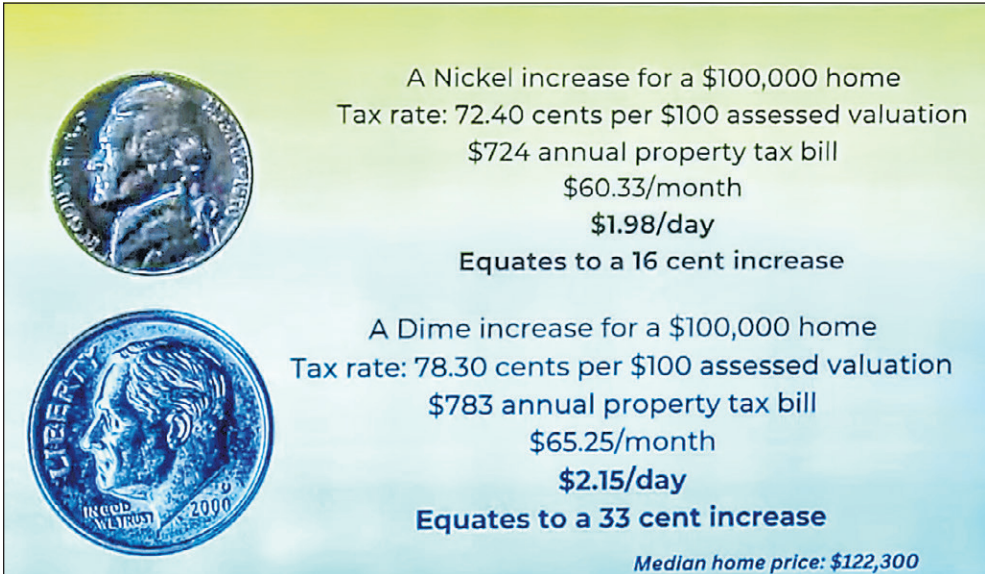
Jaynes said the facilities plan being developed has targeted having the preschool up and operating within 18 months if the necessary funding — the property tax increase — can be approved this year. He said his visits to city council, fiscal court and other local stakeholders is an effort to gauge support for the proposal before it is ever put before Carroll County Board of Education.

"I'm only here for informational purposes," said Jaynes, adding that he was "trying to find some advocates" for the proposal. "The next 18 months could really set up Carroll County for the future ... but there's been no proposal to the board yet. If we get feedback from the community that they don't want it, you won't hear from me again about it."



Mark Campbell

Carroll County Schools Superintendent Casey Jaynes addressing Carrollton City Council about a proposal to raise the local school property tax to pay for universal preschool and other improvements in the school system. Jaynes noted the school tax has remained the same — other than increases in assessed property valuations — since implemented by the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990.



One of the slides Carroll County Schools Superintendent Casey Jaynes displayed showing the local impact of a nickel and dime tax increase for local schools.

Jaynes said by gauging the county's interest in paying higher taxes for better schools he hopes to avoid a contentious battle on the issue, with residents demanding that the issue be placed on a ballot and voted on.

"We want to be above board ... this will not go on a ballot unless there is

a petition for a recall," he said, noting a recall vote would have to be requested within 45 days of board approval with a petition signed by at least 10% of the county's residents who voted in the last election. "I don't want to get to that point."

The next step is a series of public meetings

to explain the proposal in more detail and interact with the community to see who the taxpayers actually feel about the proposal.

"If the county says at those meetings we do not want to do this, I will not make that recommendation to our board of education," Jaynes said.

Reorganization meeting brings no changes to Madison school board

BY BOB DEMAREE
Madison Consolidated Schools board of trustees made no changes in leadership during its annual reorganization for the new year at Wednesday's school board meeting.

Dustin Bentz and David Storie, both elected to four-year terms in the November general election, were sworn in at the Thursday, Jan 9, work session. Bentz, appointed in October following the resignation of Brian Armbrecht, is beginning his first full term while Storie, first elected in 2020, will be serving his second term.

Board officers will also remain the same as the last two months of last year with John Wallace as president, Storie vice president and Bentz secretary.

Committee designations were also approved for the board members with Michael Scott and Storie on the policy committee; Jodi Yancey and Storie on the negotiations committee; Bentz and Scott on the facilities committee; Storie and Yancey on the curriculum committee; Storie and Wallace on the handbook committee; Scott and Yancey on the strategic planning committee; Yancey and Wallace on the wellness committee; Bentz as board representative on the educational foundation; and Wallace as the Indiana School Board Association legislative liaison.

The board also approved appointing Danica Houze as the corporation's Chief Financial Officer, Amanda Conover as assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, and Pam Smith as executive secretary.

Annual compensation was approved for the school board members at \$2,000 with \$100 for each regular board meeting and \$50 for other meetings such as executive sessions, special meetings, work sessions and committee meetings.

Prior to Wednesday's regular meeting, the annual board of finance meeting was held with Houze reporting on the school corporation's finances. She reported total interest in 2024 of \$864,952.18, an increase over last year when interest was \$682,239.54. Interest in 2022 was \$159,731.71 and two years ago in 2021, interest generated was \$29,945.84. Interest earned has grown because interest rates being paid are currently higher than the other years.

"We're taking advantage of that while we can," Houze said.

In other business, the board:

- Heard a report on Lydia Middleton Elementary School from Principal Trent Whaley, Literacy Coach Danielle Hawkins and Social Worker Amy Hoskins. "I'm so proud to be part of this wonderful school," said Hoskins, saying there's a special spirit there. "We have a lot of teachers that choose to stay there. We're a family."

- Approved a change of position for Tara McKay, who is now assistant superintendent but previously served as assistant to the superintendent. The title change is due to the fact McKay has completed certification for a superintendent's license.

- Approved an agreement with BloomBoard that provides training for special education paraeducators, a program that's funded by an \$11,998 grant.

- Approved an internet contract renewal with MetroNet for Anderson, Lydia Middleton and Rykers' Ridge elementaries — action that needed to be done in time to use federal erate funding to pay for a portion of the internet bill.

- With Scott having been cited for a Code of Ethics violation for endorsing candidates for school board in the general election at the Oct. 2 school board meeting, he had made a commitment to forfeit his \$500 fourth quarter school board stipend. However, Scott still received a \$500 check from the school corporation after Christmas.

"I was paid in full which I was not expecting. Instead of worrying about that with our finance group, I've decided to give money back," he said. Each of the four elementary schools will receive a \$100 check to pay for any children who are behind on their lunch money accounts. The remaining \$100 will go to the Madison Schools social committee that plans activities for school corporation staff.

- Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown commended the leadership of Facilities Director Jay Roney and the work of custodians and maintenance crew members in clearing snow and ice at the school corporation's properties after the recent winter storm. "Your group made it happen," she said.

Ohio River protection would be new federal office's job

Indiana's Houchin, Kentucky's McGarvey co-author bill

BY LIAM NIEMEYER
INDIANA CAPITAL CHRONICLE

INDIANAPOLIS — A bipartisan bill introduced in Congress would create a new office within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address environmental needs of the Ohio River basin spanning 204,000 square miles.

The Ohio River Restoration Program Act would create a new office and program modeled after similar efforts in the Great Lakes region and the Chesapeake Bay area, says a release from Democratic U.S. Rep. Morgan McGarvey of Louisville. The office would work with states, local governments, tribal leaders and private groups to find ways to secure federal funding for the river basin's protection.

McGarvey in a statement said he was proud to partner with Ninth District Republican Rep. Erin Houchin of southern Indiana on the bill. The representatives are co-chairs of the Ohio River basin caucus in Congress.

"From waste and erosion to pollution and climate change, the Ohio River is facing serious threats that aren't going to just work themselves out and can't be fixed by one person or organiza-

tion alone," McGarvey said in a statement.

Houchin in a statement said the lawmakers are committed to "ensuring the river gets the attention and resources it needs by securing federal funding and bringing together stakeholders to develop a plan that protects and restores it for future generations."

Earlier this year she posted on X that the Ohio River sustains over 25 million Americans across 14 states, providing essential drinking water, supporting countless jobs, and nurturing the region's ecosystem.

"Yet, despite its significance, in 2023, the Ohio River was recognized as the second most endangered river in the country," she said.

Unlike some watersheds, the Ohio River has no long-term, federally-funded strategic plan for its future. According to a release, the new office under the legislation would be tasked with creating a plan to prevent pollution, conserve farms and restore natural habitats, make investments to prepare against "extreme storms and flooding" and support robust environmental data collection for a protection program, according to the release from

McGarvey.

American Rivers, a national nonprofit advocating for the protection and restoration of rivers across the country, in 2023 named the Ohio River the second most endangered waterway in the country in part because the lack of federal investment leaves it environmentally vulnerable.

Heather Taylor-Miesle, a senior vice president of conservation for American Rivers, in a statement said the proposed legislation would have a "profound impact" on the river that serves as a drinking water source for millions of Americans across 14 states.

The release from McGarvey's office said the legislation is endorsed by more than two dozen national and Kentucky-based organizations including the Kentucky Waterways Alliance, the Kentucky Resources Council, the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, the Kentucky Conservation Committee and the Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network.

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Madison’s Hill named assistant superintendent of ISP

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Indiana State Police Lieutenant Christopher L. Hill of Madison has been promoted to the rank of Colonel and will serve as the Indiana State Police Assistant Superintendent. Hill, a 1986 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Dayton in 1990. He graduated from the 53rd Indiana State Police Recruit Academy in December of 1995 and was assigned to patrol duties at the Versailles Post before becoming a Detective in the Gaming Division. In 2004, Hill transferred to the Drug Enforcement Section (DES) until October of 2015 when he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, becoming the Assistant Commander of DES. He also earned a Master of Science Degree



Handout
Colonel Chris Hill of Madison has been named Assistant Superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

in Criminology from Indiana State University in December of 2008. Hill was then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in April of 2018 and became Commander of the Special Investigations Section until this recent promotion.



Handout
Captain Anthony M. Scott, a former Commander at the Versailles Post, has been appointed to serve as the 21st Superintendent of the Indiana State Police.

Hill and his wife, Natalie, have two adult daughters, Megan and Abigail. His parents were the late Fred and Mary Lou Hill of Madison. The announcement

of Hill’s promotion follows an announcement by Gov. Mike Braun to appoint Captain Anthony M. Scott to serve as the 21st Superintendent of the Indiana State Police, replacing the retiring Doug Carter who had served as Superintendent for the last 12 years. Scott has served 28 years with the Indiana State Police and has held multiple supervisory roles during that time. He has served as the Versailles District Investigations Commander (First Sergeant), Versailles District Commander (Lieutenant) and most recently as the Area IV Commander at the rank of Captain. Scott was born and raised in Rush County. After graduating from Rushville High School in 1992, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Cumberland College and was

later accepted into the 54th Indiana State Police Recruit School in July 1996. Upon graduation, he was assigned as a Trooper to the Versailles Post on Dec. 15, 1996. “I am truly honored to have the opportunity to lead the outstanding men and women of the Indiana State Police and look forward to working with Gov. Braun on his public safety initiatives,” said Scott. Carter became Indiana’s 20th Superintendent of the State Police after being appointed by Gov. Mike Pence on Jan. 14, 2013. He was reappointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb on Jan. 13, 2017. Carter, in serving 12 years as superintendent, is the longest serving superintendent in the nearly 92-year history of the Indiana State Police. A native of LaPorte, Carter served 18 years with the Indiana State Police from November 1984 to December 2002. He was then Hamilton County Sheriff for two terms from January 2003 to December 2010. Carter led ISP through some of the most difficult times to include civil unrest in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic, decreased public perception of law enforcement and two of the highest profile cases in the agency’s history, the Delphi double murders and Flora fire investigations. Programs advanced by Carter and his staff included providing body/in-car cameras for all Sergeants and Troopers, state-of-the-art communications equipment, moving to an all-SUV patrol fleet, implementing a more robust training program, bringing more resources for mental health assistance to employees, and increased efforts in recruiting and retention.

HOLCOMB

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The Sagamore of the Wabash is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to the state or the Governor. Past recipients have included astronauts, presidents, artists, and citizens who have significantly contributed to Indiana’s heritage and progress. The recognition places Courtney and Grote among a distinguished group of leaders. This award recognizes Grote’s almost decade of service on the Indiana Economic Development Corporation board, where he served as chairman of the Regional Economic Development Committee for the majority of this time. “I am deeply honored to receive this award,” said Grote, “and humbled to have been involved in helping advance job

creation and encourage business investments for the future of Indiana.” Grote is the fourth generation of Grote family members to work at the 124-year-old Madison-headquartered company that was founded in 1901. He began working at Grote Industries in 1993, holding management positions in sales, marketing and product development. He was vice president of sales and marketing at the time of his promotion to CEO and President in 2009. Grote Industries is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of innovative visibility, safety and smart trailer systems for the on-highway, off-highway and trailer body builder markets. Grote products include a full range of vehicle lighting, electrical, reflective and telematics systems, and the accessories necessary to support their long-life performance.

In presenting the Sagamore of the Wabash to Courtney, Holcomb gave a personal tribute that acknowledged Courtney’s leadership, commitment to public service, and contributions to the City of Madison and the State of Indiana. “The Madison story has been a proud one, enhanced by Mayor Courtney’s proud and positive stewardship,” said Holcomb. “I am grateful for all he’s meant to Indiana at large and equally for his counsel and friendship.” Since taking office, Courtney has focused on historic preservation, public safety, economic opportunity and quality-of-life initiatives, with a strong emphasis on public-private partnerships. His achievements include serving on the state legislative committee for Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM), being appointed by Governor Holcomb to the Indiana Public Health Commission, and play-

ing a key role in securing one of Indiana’s most significant economic development grants as part of the Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority. Courtney is also a former president of the Indiana Conference of Mayors and a fellow of the Hunt Institute for Early Learning Leadership. His efforts to enhance Madison’s infrastructure, cultural vibrancy, and economic development have solidified his legacy as a transformative leader. “I am deeply humbled to receive the Sagamore of the Wabash Award,” said Mayor Courtney. “This recognition is not just for me but for the entire community of Madison. It reflects the hard work and collaborative spirit of our residents, city staff, and community partners who share a vision for a brighter future. I am profoundly grateful to Governor Holcomb and all who have supported our efforts.”

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VFW Post 1969 — Rock Steady (8 p.m.-Midnight)	
Tailgators — Keith Scott Blues Band (8 p.m.-Midnight)	
Mad Paddle — Ruben Guthrie (7-10 p.m.)	
Rivertown Grill — Liquor Box (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)	
The Drake — Jimmy Davis	
Saturday, January 18	
Tailgators — Crossfire (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)	
Mad Paddle — Keith Scott Blues (7-11 p.m.)	
Off Broadway Taproom — Jimmy Davis Band (9 p.m.)	
Thomas Family Winery — Pajamas & Candlelight w/Mike Oberst and Justine Cefalu (7 p.m.)	
Rivertown Grill — Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)	
The Drake — Justin Chappel	
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Planning for Long Term Care is Basic Retirement Planning



Stephen Dybwad “Layin’ it on the line”

By Stephen Dybwad Retirement Planning/Wealth Management

The subject of nursing home care, long-term care, and the impact on retirement planning is as intricate and demanding as trying to master a challenging golf course. Let’s dive right in, and don’t worry; I’ll try to avoid any sand traps along the way. The future need for nursing home care and long-term care is akin to a thunder cloud looming over the sunny fairway of retirement planning. With an aging population that’s living longer, the demand for such care is growing faster than a golfer’s love for the 19th hole. Let’s break it down. 1. Increasing Need for Nursing Home and Long-Term Care: Just like having the right club for the right shot, the choice between nursing home care, assisted living, or in-home care depends on individual needs. And these needs are becoming more prevalent. People are living longer, chronic illnesses are more common, and families are often scattered, unable to provide daily care. The result? A skyrocketing need for professional caregiving. 2. The Cost Factor: Here’s where the real war hazard lies. The cost of professional care can be as staggering as the bill at the clubhouse after a round with friends. On average, nursing home and long-term care costs can drain anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000 annually from retirement savings. It’s like playing a round where every swing costs you a fortune, and there’s no guarantee you’ll even hit the green. 3. Impact on Retirement Planning: The high cost of care can have a horrible effect on retirement planning. It can derail the best-laid plans, leaving individuals

and families financially stranded, like a golfer stuck in a particularly challenging bunker with no rake. People diligently save for retirement. But the unexpected need for long-term care can drain those savings faster than expected. 4. The Solution? Planning Ahead: Forewarned is forearmed, as they say in both retirement planning and golf (well, maybe not in golf, but it sounds good). More and more financial experts recommend that long-term care insurance or specific savings strategies be included in retirement planning. 5. The Challenge of Education and Awareness: It knows how understanding the need for nursing homes and long-term care planning is essential but often overlooked. There’s a knowledge gap that needs to be bridged. In conclusion, the future need for nursing homes and long-term care is a significant challenge that could disastrously impact retirement planning. But with proper foresight, planning, and maybe a bit of luck, it’s a challenge that can be met. It’s time for individuals, families, and financial professionals to tee up and take a serious swing at this issue. After all, retirement should be a time for relaxation and enjoyment, not a time to feel like you’re stuck in the rough without a proper club to get you back on track. If you’ll excuse me, I have to work on my swing - it’s almost as complicated as this subject! Stephen Dybwad, a long-time Hoosier resident, is a member of Syndicated Columnists, a national organization committed to a fully transparent approach to money management. Syndicated Columnists is the sole provider of this material, both written and conceptual, for this column. All rights reserved. Kasper Insurance 220 Clifty Drive Madison, IN 47250 Telephone 812-273-1187. The subject of nursing home care, long-term care, and the impact on retirement planning is as intricate and demanding as trying to master a challenging golf course. Let’s dive right in, and don’t worry; I’ll try to avoid any sand traps along the way. The future need for nursing home care and long-term care is akin to a thunder cloud looming over the sunny fairway of retirement planning. With an aging population that’s living longer, the demand for such care is growing faster than a golfer’s love for the 19th hole. Let’s break it down. 1. Increasing Need for Nursing Home and Long-Term Care: Just like having the right club for the right shot, the choice between nursing home care, assisted living, or in-home care depends on individual needs. And these needs are becoming more prevalent. People are living longer, chronic illnesses are more common, and families are often scattered, unable to provide daily care. The result? A skyrocketing need for professional caregiving. 2. The Cost Factor: Here’s where the real war hazard lies. The cost of professional care can be as staggering as the bill at the clubhouse after a round with friends. On average, nursing home and long-term care costs can drain anywhere from

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Davis reaches 1,000 career points

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Perhaps no player ever scored their 1,000th-career point in a more fitting manner, even if it wasn't exactly the way Juliana Davis wanted to do it.

Davis, Madison's junior star who has her eyes on the school's career steals record, picked off a pass and was coasting in for a breakaway layup when she was fouled during the Cubs' showdown with Class 3A No. 3 Silver Creek at home on Tuesday. Davis went to the line and calmly knocked down both shots to reach the milestone and set off a celebration by her teammates.

In Davis' mind, the moment was going to be more dramatic.

"I was not planning on hitting my 1,000th point on free throws. I was thinking like a three or something at a big moment," Davis laughed. "But I'm just glad I made it, and I'm just glad I could do it helping my team. We tried really, really hard to win that game, and I think we did a really good job."

The points by Davis cut the Drag-

ons' lead to 48-41 early in the fourth quarter but visiting Silver Creek pulled away for the 56-45 win.

Despite the loss, Madison coach Adam Dennis said the game shows how far the young Cubs have come over the past year.

"We think that we're on our way to being a great team. We're not there yet, but we're on our way," Dennis said. "Every one of these is a little step closer to that. I felt like our two other (losses), Floyd and Jennings, we just weren't quite ready, but tonight, we were."

Madison (11-3) has had Tuesday's game circled for quite some time. The Cubs had lost eight-straight to Silver Creek, but at 11-2 they had their best record through 13 games since the 2013-14 season.

Madison spent the night attacking the taller Dragons, getting junior all-star candidate Brooklynn Renn in early foul trouble and turning Creek over at an alarming rate.

But with its own fouls racking up, Madison had trouble sustaining that momentum. Trailing only 15-12 after

the first quarter, the Cubs went into the locker room down 35-23 after Creek closed the second with a 14-5 flurry.

Silver Creek's lead climbed to as high as 15 (42-27) midway through the third quarter and the Dragons appeared poised to pull away. But Madison had different plans.

"Our kids could have rolled over but they didn't. They competed and they kept fighting and but that's what we want our kids to do, right?" Dennis said. "That's what we want all our kids to do. Like, life's hard, but you got to keep fighting."

Much of that comeback was courtesy of Davis, who was all over the floor. Her 3-pointer late in the third kicked off a mini rally that saw the Cubs cut the gap to single digits early in the fourth quarter. A Davis steal led to a Mylee McQueary basket to open the fourth and Davis herself was fouled and hit both free throws to cut the margin to 48-39 with 6:59 left in the game.

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David Campbell

Madison's Juliana Davis (4), surrounded by her teammates, is all smiles after scoring her 1,000th-career point in the Cubs' loss to Silver Creek on Tuesday. The junior guard is averaging 18.8 points per game this season and 16 ppg for her career.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Barron erupts for 38 as Shawe rips Crothersville 71-23

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Audrey Barron scored 38 points and Allison Knoebel added 20 as Shawe rolled over Crothersville 71-23 in girls basketball Monday at home.

Barron was 14-for-24 from the floor, 3-of-8 on 3-pointers and 5-for-5 at the free-throw line to post a new career-high. She also had nine rebounds, four assists and three steals in an impressive all-around game.

Knoebel had 20 points, eight assists, six rebounds and four steals for the Hilltoppers and Ava Turner had 13 points and five rebounds.

Shawe, now 12-4 on the season, traveled to Milan on Thursday and heads to Rock Creek on Saturday. The Hilltoppers then host New Washington on Tuesday.

LADY REBELS LOSE TO PROVIDENCE

Southwestern dropped a 49-41 decision at home to Providence in girls basketball on Tuesday.

No statistics from the game were available.

Southwestern, now 11-6 on the season, traveled to Switzerland County on Thursday and host Salem on Tuesday.

LADY RAIDERS FALL IN ALL 'A'

Trimble County's girls basketball team suffered a 62-38 loss to Owen County in the All "A" Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Owen County on Tuesday.

No statistics from the game were available.

Trimble, now 4-6 on the season, heads to Henry County on Friday and hosts Spencer County on Saturday. The Raiders then host Oldham County on Tuesday.



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Shawe's Audrey Barron scored a career-high 38 points in the Hilltoppers' 71-23 win over Crothersville at home on Monday.

David Campbell



Hanover College Athletics

Kentucky Wesleyan's Mark Shook has been hired as vice president for athletics at Hanover College.

Shook hired to lead Hanover College athletics

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Mark Shook has been named vice president for athletics at Hanover College.

Shook has extensive experience in overseeing collegiate athletics and supporting student athletes, and will bring that expertise to Hanover. Shook is currently serving as the vice president for intercollegiate athletics at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Shook has a B.S. in secondary education from Bowling Green State University and a M.Ed. in Sports Education from Ashland University. Prior to his time at KWC, Shook served in numerous athletic leadership roles at Bowling Green and the University of Wisconsin. He also worked in academic roles supporting student athletes at Purdue University and Ohio State University.

"We are thrilled to have such an experienced athletics director join Hanover College who can help build on our strong foundation," Hanover President Lake Lambert said. "Athletics is a critical part of the holistic education that Hanover delivers to its students and I'm confident that Mark embraces that vision."

Shook succeeds Lynn Hall, who will be retiring in June after leading Hanover College athletics for 27 years. During her tenure, Hall combined the men's and women's athletics departments into one unit and became the College's first vice president for athletics in 2015.

"Lynn has built a tremendous organization and has served Hanover College faithfully for more than 30 years, and I cannot overstate the impact she has had on Hanover College and the tens of thousands of students she has supported," said Lambert. "We are immensely grateful for Lynn's commitment and service, and wish her a wonderful, well-deserved retirement."

"I am sincerely grateful to President Lambert, Provost Adams, and the entire search committee for entrusting me to lead Hanover College's storied athletic program, and I look forward to contributing to the growth of the student-athlete experience, as well as supporting the mission of the College," said Shook. "It will be an honor to build upon Lynn Hall's proud legacy and continue driving excellence in the classroom, in competition, and in the community to move our program boldly into the future."

Shook begins his role at Hanover on May 1, 2025.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panther men beat Rose-Hulman for 2nd-straight win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover men's basketball scored 78 points for the second-straight game and picked up its second-straight win, 78-50, over Rose-Hulman at home on Wednesday.

The Panthers, who ended a five-game losing streak on Saturday, jumped out to a 10-point lead (38-28) in the first half and dominated the second half to claim the win.

Madison Consolidated High School graduate Luke

Miller scored 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting and had three steals to lead Hanover while Jeremiah Alexander and C.J. Walls scored 14 points each off the bench. Malachi McNair had eight points and 11 rebounds and Coleman Sater had eight points.

Hanover, now 8-7 overall and 4-4 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference,

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 17

BASKETBALL

Shawe boys at Lighthouse Christian, 3:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. girls host Eminence, 6 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls vs. Lawrenceburg, Rivertown Classic, 6 p.m.

Madison boys at Lawrenceburg, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys host Dayton, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls at Owen Co., 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys host Eminence, 8 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hanover hosts Wittenberg, 6 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover, Ulndy Indoor Opener, 5 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison, Switzerland Co. girls, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls at Rock Creek, noon

Hanover women at Mount St. Joseph, 1 p.m.

Madison girls at Corydon, 1:30 p.m.

Hanover men host Mount St. Joseph, 2 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls at New Washington, 2:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls host Spencer Co., 3:30 p.m.

Shawe boys host Hauser, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

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Notre Dame, Ohio State playing 16-game seasons for 1st time

BY TIM REYNOLDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The year was 1894. Yale put together a football schedule that was daunting: Games on Wednesdays and Saturdays, basically every week from late September to late November, 16 contests in all.

No major college football team — what we now call the FBS level — had a 16-game season since.

Until now. Welcome to yet another new part of this rapidly changing college football world. Seasons, at least for some teams, will be longer than ever. Texas and Penn State just played their 16th and final games of this 2024 season. And on Jan. 20 in the College Football Playoff championship game, Notre Dame and Ohio State will be playing their 16th and final games of this season in a matchup to decide the national title.

“How we got ready for the season, how we’re adapting, is you have a plan, you have a team, you have a sports performance team that you listen to, and you talk through some different scenarios and you’ve got to be adaptable,” Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman said. “You’ve got to be willing to adapt based off the unpredictable things that can happen, and that’s what we’ve been able to do — and I feel like our guys will be physically ready to roll.”

The 16-game season didn’t come out of nowhere.

Expanding the CFP to 12



Rebecca Blackwell | Associated Press
Notre Dame offensive lineman Rocco Spindler (50) celebrates at the end of the Orange Bowl College Football Playoff semifinal game against Penn State on Thursday in Miami Gardens, Fla.

teams meant that the teams in the national championship game would have to play either three or four games — depending on whether they got a first-round bye or not. With a 12-game regular season and then a conference championship game for some schools, it’s almost certain that the national finalists in this system will have to play at least 16 games along the way.

Notre Dame and Ohio State each played 13-game seasons last year. Playing 16-game seasons this year could obviously be considered problematic — it’s a lot more wear and tear on bodies — but it’s also a wonderful problem to have, since it comes with a chance at a national championship.

“Along the way, we looked at a lot of different things and metrics about playing this many

games, playing our 16th game, what that was going to be like,” Ohio State coach Ryan Day said. “We knew it was going to be a little bit of a battle of attrition at times. So, depth was certainly a critical part of roster management and talent acquisition, but also how we practice, how we play. We’ve taken all those things into consideration so that we’re still really, really fresh going into the end of the season.”

Only three teams at the “major college” level played the 16-game season before this year: Yale in 1894, Penn in 1892 and Yale in 1889. It has happened a handful of times at the FCS and Division II levels as well.

But at the FBS level, it hasn’t happened in 130 years.

It has created new challenges for fans and quite possibly

their pocketbooks — Notre Dame and Ohio State each had an extra home game, plus now three bowl games, and none of those tickets were exactly low-priced. It surely has created an issue or two on the academic end; Ohio State’s spring term started last week, Notre Dame’s spring semester started Monday. And in many cases, players on both teams have simply logged more plays, hits and miles than ever before.

Oh, and while this season is ending, next season is in full swing. Players have transferred. Recruits have signed. Coaches have been hired and fired at plenty of schools, and teams are putting together their spring practice schedules.

But in South Bend and Columbus, it still may as well be 2024.

“I’ve been an advocate that we need to go to an NFL calendar,” Duke coach Manny Diaz said. “We need to get rid of spring football and move into early summer OTAs and mini-camps. We don’t have to invent this. The league has already figured it out. ... We’re a spring sport now. We need to just act like that.”

Notre Dame defensive coordinator Al Golden looks at the marathon season as a blessing in some ways. On one hand, it’s a ton of work. On the other, the Irish are playing for a ring. He’s not complaining.

“Most of these guys are navigating it as we go. Nobody’s done it before in college,” Golden said. “We listen to what the data says and go by it. It’s just an interesting time.”

Buckeyes control on offense has led to title shot

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State has been purposely pacing itself on offense all season, huddling more and trying to limit the number of snaps in each game of what the Buckeyes hoped and anticipated would be a long run.

“I know it sounds crazy, the huddle, it’s almost like going back in time,” coach Ryan Day said. “But it’s sort of a new thing, really, because of the no-huddle offenses that have been around, and certainly we have been a part of that. ... We don’t always do that, but it has allowed us an opportunity to be more cohesive on offense.”

While these Buckeyes (13-2) certainly slowed down, they are getting ready for their school-record 16th game. That will be for the national championship against Notre Dame (14-1) on Monday night in Atlanta.

None of the other teams in the expanded 12-team playoff average fewer plays than Ohio State’s 61.8 per game that rank 120th out of 134 Division I teams. That includes 57 in each of its last two playoff games, wins over undefeated Big Ten champion Oregon in the Rose Bowl and SEC runner-up Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

The Buckeyes’ lowest average in at least 25 seasons is only slightly down from their 63.9 plays a game in 2023. But it’s still more than 10 plays a game below the 72.1 average over a 10-season span that began with their last national championship in 2014, when the College Football Playoff debuted as a four-



Gareth Patterson | Associated Press
Ohio State quarterback Will Howard (18) and defensive end Jack Sawyer (33) celebrate after the Cotton Bowl College Football Playoff semifinal game against Texas on Friday in Arlington, Texas.

team playoff. “That’s kind of by design,” said first-year Buckeyes offensive coordinator Chip Kelly, who between coaching Oregon and UCLA spent four seasons as an NFL head coach when those were 16-game regular seasons. “We didn’t have games we were running 100 snaps a game. ... We had a long-term plan.”

Oregon averaged more than 81 plays a game in 2012, Kelly’s final season there. Even Ohio State averaged more than 80 plays a game in 2018, which was Urban Meyer’s final season before Day took over as head coach.

Indiana, a first-round loser with two fewer games, is the only one of the 12 playoff teams with fewer total snaps than the Buckeyes’ 927 this season.

TreVeyon Henderson has 967 yards rushing with 10 touchdowns for Ohio State, and Quinshon Judkins has 960 yards and 12 TDs — neither has run more than 17 times in a game, with

Henderson’s season high being 11. Graduate transfer quarterback Will Howard has thrown for 3,779 yards and 33 touchdowns, and he has three receivers with at least 50 catches.

“In terms of the way that we designed this year, part of it was the fact that we felt like by cutting down the number of snaps it would certainly help with the length of our season and the health of our team,” Day said. “But also getting in a huddle and having Will Howard look 10 guys in the eye and break a huddle together, kind of grew as a team as the season went on.”

NOTRE DAME’S NUMBERS

The Fighting Irish ran a season-high 73 plays (31 passes and 42 rushes) in their 27-24 win over Penn State in the CFP semifinal Orange Bowl.

Notre Dame is averaging 63.7 plays a game, up from 62.2 last season. That ranks 104th nationally, with Ohio State the only

playoff team below them.

Ohio State’s playoff run began with a win over Tennessee, which finished the season at 73.7 plays per game. The only other playoff teams over 70 a game were Texas and Clemson, which the Longhorns beat at home in the opening round.

CHAMPIONSHIP LOWS AND HIGHS

Michigan was national champion last season when averaging 61.6 plays a game, the lowest for a champ in the 10 seasons of the four-team playoff. The Wolverines finished 120th, the spot Ohio State is in now. The most were Clemson’s 81.3 plays per game while winning the 2016 title, well above the second highest of 73.3 when Ohio State won the initial CFP title.

BUCKEYES RAN FOR THE TITLE 10 YEARS AGO

In the first championship game of the CFP era 10 years ago, Ohio State ran for 296 yards and five touchdowns in a 42-20 victory over Oregon. That was two years after Kelly had left for Ducks for the NFL.

Ezekiel Elliott had 36 carries for 246 yards and four touchdowns, while dual-threat quarterback Cardale Jones threw for 242 yards and ran 21 times for 38 yards and a score in the same stadium where the Buckeyes won the CFP semifinal Cotton Bowl last Friday night. Their 57 plays against Texas included 24 rushes for 101 yards.

Judkins had nine carries, Howard seven and Henderson six.

Meyer joins Saban in College Football HOF Class of 2025

BY ERIC OLSON
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Urban Meyer will join Nick Saban in the 2025 College Football Hall of Fame class, and Michael Vick and Michael Strahan are among the former players who will be inducted.

The National Football Foundation announced Saban’s selection last week and the rest of the 18-player, four-coach class on Wednesday.

Saban retired last year as the NCAA’s active leader in wins with 292-71-1 over 28 seasons at Toledo, Michigan State, LSU and Alabama. His seven national championships — one at LSU, six at Alabama — are most by a Football Bowl Subdivision coach.

Meyer was 187-32 with three national championships over 17 seasons at Bowling Green, Utah, Florida and Ohio State. He won 22 of 24 games at Utah before taking over at Florida, where he

won national titles in 2006 and 2008. He moved to Ohio State in 2012, won his third national championship in 2014 and went 83-9 over seven seasons.

Vick was the consummate dual-threat quarterback in his two seasons at Virginia Tech, where he led the Hokies to a 22-2 record and the 1999 national championship game. His 13-year NFL career was interrupted by his 2007 conviction for his involvement in a dogfighting ring. He pleaded guilty and served 21 months in federal prison before resuming his career in 2009. Last month he was hired as Norfolk State’s head coach.

Strahan, now co-host on ABC’s Good Morning America and a FOX NFL Sunday analyst, was a terror as a defensive lineman for Texas Southern from 1989-92. He recorded 41.5 sacks in four seasons before he went on to play 15 seasons for the

New York Giants. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Terry Hanratty, 24-4-2 as Ara Parseghian’s quarterback at Notre Dame from 1966-68, also was selected. He helped lead the 1966 team to a share of the national championship and joins teammates Jim Lynch, Alan Page and Joe Theismann in the Hall of Fame.

Among other picks was Wisconsin’s Montee Ball, who won the 2012 Doak Walker Award as the nation’s best running back. The year before he tied Barry Sanders’ NCAA record of 39 total touchdowns in a season. He finished his career with 5,140 rushing yards, averaging 104.9 per game, and 77 rushing touchdowns.

Other players in the 2025 class are Gregg Carr of Auburn, Blake Elliott of Saint John’s (Minnesota), Greg Eslinger of

Minnesota, Graham Harrell of Texas Tech, John Henderson of Tennessee, Michael Huff of Texas, Jim Kleinsasser of North Dakota, Alex Mack of California, Terrence Metcalf of Mississippi, Haloti Ngata of Oregon, Steve Slaton of West Virginia, Darrin Smith of Miami, Dennis Thurman of Southern California and Ryan Yarbrough of Wyoming.

Other coaches in the class are Larry Blakeney of Troy and Larry “Bub” Korver of Northwestern College (Iowa). Blakeney guided the Trojans from Division II to the FBS from 1991-2014 and remains the Sun Belt Conference’s coaching wins leader with a 178-113-1 record. Korver was 212-77-6 with two NAIA championships in 28 years (1967-94) at Northwestern.

The 2025 class will be inducted Dec. 9 during an awards dinner in Las Vegas. The Hall of Fame is in Atlanta.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Former Southwestern and Shawe boys basketball coach Jerry Bomholt scored his 600th career win on Tuesday.

Bomholt, who coached Southwestern from 1997-2002 and again from 2014-19 as well as coaching Shawe Memorial from 2002-11, is currently in his fifth-straight season at Jay County and ninth overall at that school.

Jay County, which is currently 6-4 on the season, hammered South Adams 61-14 in the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament. Bomholt is now 600-390 in 44 years as a head boys basketball coach. The 600 wins put him fifth among active coaches in the state and 19th all-time.

• Former Hanover College point guard Kevin Klein has his Louisville St. Xavier squad ranked No. 1 in Kentucky and unbeaten against schools from that state. The Tigers, now 12-2, have had their only losses come to out of state schools — Georgetown Prep of North Bethesda, Maryland and St. Francis Episcopal of Houston Texas, who both fielded 7-footers in the prestigious King of the Bluegrass Tournament where St. Xavier advanced to the championship game before falling to St. Francis 78-75 in OT. The Tigers opened defense of their 2024 Louisville Invitational Tournament title this week with a 95-60 win over Christian Academy of Louisville. Klein, a 1995 graduate of St. X and 1999 graduate of Hanover, is now in his 14th season as St. Xavier head coach.

• Carroll County’s Elle Spencer has been named North Central Kentucky Conference Girls Basketball Player of the Week.

Spencer had 29 points, seven rebounds and five steals in a win over Boone County.

• Madison’s junior varsity girls basketball team lost 50-14 at home to Silver Creek on Thursday.

Emily Laufer scored eight points and Ava Smith had five for the Cubs.

Madison travels to Corydon on Saturday.

• Shawe Junior High boys basketball swept Seymour on Monday.

The seventh grade led 15-0 and rolled to a 36-18 win. Patrick Kahn had 22 points and Johnny Cooke and Daeson Boggs scored five points each for Shawe.

The eighth grade won 51-13. Clark Nichter had 25 points, Luke Demaree had 12 and Taylor Ralston 10 for Shawe.

On Wednesday, Shawe swept Rising Sun at home.

The seventh grade (11-3) won 46-14. Kahn scored 25 points and Tanner Sims had seven.

The eighth grade (7-7) won 49-43. Demaree had 17 points, Nichter had 16 and Kahn had 13.

• Shawe Junior High girls basketball split a doubleheader with New Washington on Tuesday.

The seventh grade lost 40-6. Adley Ashcraft had four points for Shawe and Mylie Massie had two.

The eighth grade won 37-34 in overtime. Juliet Gardner had 12 points and Brylee Liter had 10 for the Hilltoppers.

• Southwestern Middle School girls basketball split with Christian Academy of Indiana on Monday.

The seventh grade won 43-16. Elena Watson and Kaylee Garvey scored 10 points each and Baylor Hubbard had seven for the Rebels.

The eighth grade lost 27-22. Josie Hubbard had 12 points and Garvey scored eight.

• Southwestern swept Switzerland County in middle school boys basketball on Monday.

The seventh grade won 40-11. Colin Flint had 22 points and Jacob Adams had eight for the Rebels.

The eighth grade win 42-16. Quinton Lewis had 17 points and Jaxon Higgins scored 14 for Southwestern.

• Carroll County High School will begin offering digital tickets for athletic events beginning this month.

Fans will have the option to use Eventlink for digital ticketing at all CCHS athletic events. This only applies to the high school athletic events. Tickets will be available at the gate with a credit/debit card and cash will also be accepted at the gate.

Admission prices were raised to \$6 for adults and \$3 for students to offset the costs associated with digital ticketing. Students will still get in free if they wear Carroll County School colors of black and yellow.

Tickets can be purchased through the Eventlink app or website.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

Girls Basketball

Monday, Jan. 13

“A” Division

Premier Lawns & Landscapes Purple Cheetahs 8, Taunya’s Creative Cuts Pink Flamingos 6 — Malli Tingle had 4 points, Emery Schafer and Navy Cline each had 2 for the Purple Cheetahs. Arianna Haycraft had 4 and Mia Owen 2 for the Pink Flamingos.

“B” Division

Pope John 3rd Grade Irish 14, Wi Salon Suites Pink Dragons 10 — Luna Tucker and Addyson Rafia each 4 for the Irish. Raelynn Keller and Stella Downey each had 4 for the Pink Dragons.

No. 17 Purdue rallies to win at Washington 69-58

BY JOSH KIRSHENBAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Trey Kaufman-Renn scored 19 points to help No. 17 Purdue dig itself out of a hole and come away with a 69-58 win over Washington on Wednesday night.

The Boilermakers (14-4, 6-1 Big Ten) trailed by 10 late in the first half and were down by eight at the break, but opened the second period with an 11-2 surge to storm back in front.

Kaufman-Renn, who entered averaging 17.5 points per game, had a lot to do with the turnaround, scoring 13 points in the final 20 minutes.

Braden Smith added 17 points, six rebounds, five assists and five steals for Purdue. Caleb Furst had 15 points and Fletcher Loyer chipped in with 12.

The Boilermakers outscored the Huskies (10-8, 1-6) by 19 in the second half, and dominated them 40-22 in the paint.

Great Osobor led Washington with 28 points, finishing 8 of 9 from the field and a career-best 5 for 5 from beyond the arc. He also pulled down nine boards.



AP Photo/Stephen Brashea

Purdue guard C.J. Cox, right, dribbles the ball against Washington guard Tyler Harris during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, in Seattle.

TAKEAWAYS

Purdue: The Boilermakers stretched their winning streak to six, and have won those games by an average of 20.3 points.

Washington: The Huskies, who have lost three straight, set a season worst with 17 turnovers.

KEY MOMENT

Purdue pulled away for good with a 13-0 run in just over three minutes, turning a 36-35 deficit into a 48-36 advantage with 10:11 remaining.

KEY STAT

Purdue went 2 of 6 from the free-throw line in the first half, but 14 for 16 after the break.

UP NEXT

Purdue wraps up its trip to the Pacific Northwest at No. 13 Oregon on Saturday (**TV:** Live on NBC at 3 p.m.). Washington visits the Ducks on Tuesday.



DARRELL BIRD/The Cats' Pause

Otega Owhe drives to the basket Tuesday night during Kentucky's SEC clash with Texas A&M in Lexington.

Robinson leads No. 8 UK over No. 11 Texas A&M 81-69

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jaxson Robinson scored 22 points to lead No. 8 Kentucky to an 81-69 victory over 11th-ranked Texas A&M on Tuesday night.

Robinson made five of Kentucky's nine 3-pointers, including four in the first half as the Wildcats (14-3, 3-1 SEC) improved to 5-0 against ranked opponents this season.

"Couldn't be more proud of our guys. I love winning the game where we never felt great," UK head coach Mark Pope said postgame. "There was no three-minute run where we felt great, where we felt like we really got into a flow, and for our guys to win that game is really important. I like the way that we can win in different ways."

Andrew Carr added 13 points and Otega Owhe finished with 11 for Kentucky.

Zhuric Phelps led the Aggies (13-4, 2-2) with 21 points, followed by Pharel Payne with 15 and Manny Obaseki with 12.

TAKEAWAYS

Texas A&M: Leading scorer Wade Taylor IV (15.7 points per game) missed his third straight game because of an undisclosed injury. Without Taylor, the Aggies have lost two of their past three games, both to ranked opponents.

UP NEXT

Kentucky hosts No. 4 Alabama on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ESPN at noon). Texas A&M hosts LSU on Saturday.

Kentucky: The Wildcats remained undefeated at home this season (11-0) and had 19 assists on 24 made field goals.

"The third best offense in the country. That puts stress on you in transition, that puts stress on you immediately following transition. And, as soon as it goes to (Amari Williams) or (Brandon Garrison), they begin to run the coach's offense and that is a different type of stress. So, there are three versions of stress and they are potent in each category," said Aggies coach Buzz Williams.

KEY MOMENT

Robinson sank a 3-pointer to end the first half, giving Kentucky a 35-32 halftime lead. The Wildcats then opened the second half with an 8-0 burst, capped by another 3-pointer by Robinson that made it 43-32.

KEY STAT

Texas A&M entered the contest averaging 17 offensive rebounds per game and managed just 11 against the Wildcats. The Aggies were outrebounded (39-30) for just the third time this season.

No. 19 Illini bounce back with rout of IU

BLOOMINGTON — Kylan Boswell scored 22 points, Kasparas Jakucionis added 21 and No. 19 Illinois opened a 28-point halftime lead Tuesday night in a 94-69 blowout of Indiana.

Tomislav Ivisic had 17 points and 11 rebounds as the Fighting Illini (13-4, 5-2 Big Ten) bounced back from a double-digit loss at home to Southern California.

This time, Illinois left no doubt as Jakucionis and Ivisic combined for 34 first-half points to give the Illini a 60-32 halftime lead thanks largely to their dominance inside.

Indiana scored the first 10 points of the second half but never got closer than 16.

Oumar Ballo led the Hoosiers (13-5, 5-4) with 16 points and 15 rebounds and was involved in a brief shoving match with 2:24 left. Luke Goode, the former Illinois 3-point specialist, added 13 points for Indiana, which fell to 11-1 at home.

Indiana played without starting forward Malik Reneau. All five Hoosiers losses this season have come by 16 or more points.



AP Photo/AJ Mast

Indiana head coach Mike Woodson looks at his bench as his team plays Illinois in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Bloomington, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025. The Hoosiers lost 94-69 to fall to 13-5 overall and 5-4 in the Big Ten.

TAKEAWAYS

Illinois: The Illini certainly appeared to learn their lesson from Saturday's loss. Their usually strong rebounding returned, and they played a nearly perfect first half offensively and defensively. When Illinois plays this way, it is one of the best

teams in the nation.

Indiana: For whatever reason, the Hoosiers came out flat. They lacked the energy and effort to challenge Illinois in the first half, and the result was obvious. If they don't fight harder than this, it could be a long season in Bloomington.

KEY MOMENT

Illinois took control with a 15-2 flurry after the first media timeout to build a 25-10 lead. Indiana never got within single digits again.

KEY STAT

Illinois outscored Indiana 24-14 in the paint and outrebounded the Hoosiers 29-16 in the first half.

UP NEXT

The Illini face another road test Sunday at No. 12 Michigan State. Indiana will try to rebound Friday night at Ohio State (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.).

NCAA OKs paying women's teams for March Madness

BY TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Women's basketball teams finally will be paid for playing games in the NCAA Tournament each March just like the men have for years under a plan approved Wednesday at the NCAA convention.

The unanimous vote by NCAA membership was met by a round of applause both inside the ballroom and around the sport. This was the final step toward a pay structure for women playing in March Madness after the Division I Board of Governors voted unanimously for the proposal in August.

NCAA President Charlie Baker joined others in giving credit for the creation of a performance fund to those who came before and helped build women's basketball.

Now comes more work and continued investment to grow women's basketball even more.

"That's the part I hope, that someday down the road, we all will have someone say about us that they sit on the shoulders of the work that we did," Baker said.

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley, whose Gamecocks went undefeated winning last year's national championship and her third overall, said her first thought hearing of the vote was a simple "YES!"

"This continues our fight to lift women's basketball to historic levels," Staley said. "I appreciate the decision by the Kaplan Hecker and Fink law firm to include the lack of units in their report as a key issue holding women's basketball back from capitalizing on the historic viewership and quality of the product on the court."

So-called performance units, which represent revenue, will be given to women's teams playing in the tournament starting this year, the event's 43rd edition. A team that reaches the Final Four could bring its conference roughly \$1.26 million over the next three years in financial performance rewards.

In the first year, \$15 million will be awarded to teams out of the fund, which is 26% of the women's basketball media revenue deal. That will grow to \$25 million, or 41% of the revenue, by 2028. The 26% is on par with what men's basketball teams received the first year the performance units program was established.

Teams making this March's NCAA Tournament won't actually be paid until the organization has a full tournament of data available.

Still, North Carolina coach Courtney Banghart, also is president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, called postseason units a reward for the investment by athletic departments in women's basketball.

"The long awaited, hard fought for and well-earned day is here," Banghart said. "I am so grateful for the effort of so many to bring this reality to our sport. Women's basketball is more popular than ever before, seats are filled, arenas are sold out, and games are on national TV almost every night."

UConn guard Paige Bueckers agreed that this is a huge step toward helping this sport grow.

"Just for women to capitalize on what we brought to the sport and what we do for just sports in general and entertainment and just to be able to be a part of that, we're extremely grateful," Bueckers said.

The proposal was broken into two votes on Wednesday, with the first on the payments being earned starting with the next NCAA Tournament. That received one "no" vote, though the vote

to establish the women's fund itself got a "yes" from all 292 members voting.

The women's March Madness plan is similar to the men's basketball unit program. Each of 32 conferences with an automatic bid receive a unit, and additional units will be rewarded for teams receiving at-large bids to the 68-team field.

The longer a school's tournament run lasts, the more units the school's conference receives. Conferences decide the distribution of unit revenue to each of its members. Each unit was worth about \$2 million for the 2024 men's tournament.

Men's basketball teams now receive 24% of the media rights deal, which is \$8.8 billion over eight years, starting this year. Women's basketball is valued at \$65 million per tournament in the NCAA's new media rights deal with ESPN — roughly 10 times more than in the contract that ends this year.

The women have a higher percentage of the media revenue deal to bolster the value of each performance unit.

The NCAA sharing March Madness revenue with its member schools has long been a feature of the men's tournament. The 2018 tournament, for example, brought in \$844.3 million in television and marketing rights, the vast majority from a contract with CBS and Turner Sports to televise the games.

Most of the money flows through the NCAA to conferences and then back to member schools, more than 300 of which field Division I basketball teams eligible to play in the tournament. The schools mostly reinvest in athletics, from scholarships for athletes in all sports to coaching salaries, training facilities, stadiums, ballparks and arenas.

Louisville posts first win in 8 years at Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Chucky Hepburn scored 24 points and Louisville won at Syracuse for the first time in eight years with an 85-61 victory on Tuesday night.

Louisville (13-5, 6-1 ACC), which has won seven straight games, hadn't beat the Orange on the road since a 76-72 overtime victory on Feb. 13, 2017.

Hepburn was 8 of 13 from the floor and made half of the Cardinals' 12 shots from long range. Terrence Edwards Jr. added 16 points for the Cardinals. J'Vonne Hadley scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Chris Bell made four 3-pointers and scored 18 points to lead Syracuse (8-9, 2-4). Eddie Lampkin Jr. had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Louisville ended the first half on a 12-0 run for a 43-27 halftime advantage and led by double digits the rest of the way. Hepburn scored 15 points from five 3-pointers and Reyne Smith hit two 3s in the first half for the Cardinals. Davis scored 10 first-half points for the Orange.

Louisville hosts Virginia on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ESPN2 at noon).

Australian Open: Osaka battles back to reach 3rd round

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
AP TENNIS WRITER

MELBOURNE, Australia — Naomi Osaka's second-round match at the Australian Open could not possibly have started in a worse way. All of 21 minutes in, she sailed a forehand service return well long and, just like that, trailed 5-0.

Osaka strode to the sideline for the changeover, plopped herself down and draped a white towel over her head, blocking out all sights and leaving her with just her thoughts. She stayed like that throughout the break between games, even manoeuvring a water bottle under that towel to take a drink.

This was not a match against some unknown opponent, someone Osaka knew for sure she could beat. It was against 20th-seeded Karolina Muchova, the runner-up at the 2023 French Open and a three-time semifinalist at other majors, including at Melbourne Park in 2021.

Muchova also had defeated Osaka in their two most recent matchups. None of that mattered on this afternoon, though: Osaka forgot about that disappointing start and came all the way back to win 1-6, 6-1, 6-3 on Wednesday.

What was her mindset? “Just be aware and try not to get so negative on yourself. I think, for me, the score in the first set was very dramatic, but there was key points that I could have maybe won a game here or there,” Osaka explained. “So I kept trying to tell myself that.”

This was, in some ways, a significant moment for Osaka, who once reigned atop women's tennis, winning four Grand Slam titles — two at the Australian Open, two at the U.S. Open — and ascending to No. 1 in the WTA rankings. The victory allowed her to reach the third round at a major tournament for the first time since the 2022 season.

Getting to that stage was not considered a big deal at one point for her. But time off because of mental health breaks and then a pregnancy — Osaka's daughter, Shai, was born in July 2023 — changed things.

Since returning to action a year ago, Osaka has shown signs of getting her game back together, including a memorable and narrow loss to then-No. 1 Iga Swiatek at the French Open. This, though, followed a win against 2022 U.S. Open semifinalist Caroline Garcia in Melbourne and meant the progress is real.

“It definitely was something that is a goal of mine, especially after last year; I wasn't able to beat a seed in a Grand Slam,” Osaka said. “I'm obviously very thankful that happened so early this year.”

She also joked about gaining a measure of “revenge” by defeating Garcia — who eliminated Osaka in Melbourne a

year ago — and Muchova in consecutive matches.

Next for Osaka is a matchup against Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Belinda Bencic, who is also a mother; her daughter, Bella, was born last year. Both Osaka and Bencic are big hitters.

“It's going to be a fun match,” Bencic said.

Muchova wasn't the highest-seeded player to exit Wednesday. That was No. 5 Zheng Qinwen, the runner-up to Aryna Sabalenka at the 2024 Australian Open and the gold medalist at the Paris Games last August. Zheng lost a bit of focus after being called for a time violation and never managed to counter 97th-ranked Laura Siegemund's strokes, bowing out 7-6 (3), 6-3 at John Cain Arena.

After the chair umpire cited her for taking too long to serve, Zheng hit her next offering so poorly it bounced way before reaching the net.

“I knew,” the 36-year-old Siegemund said, “I just had to play more than my best tennis.”

The player who beat Zheng in the final 12 months ago, No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka, stretched her Melbourne Park winning streak to 16 matches as she eyes a third consecutive title, beating No. 54 Jessica Bouzas Maneiro 6-3, 7-5 at Rod Laver Arena.

Other women's winners included No. 3 Coco Gauff, No. 7 Jessica Pegula, No. 14 Mirra Andreeva and No. 30 Leylah Fernandez. Gauff, the 2023 U.S. Open champion who has won all seven matches she's played this season, now faces Fernandez, the 2021 U.S. Open runner-up.

Novak Djokovic added to his record collection by playing in his 430th career Grand Slam match — one more than Roger Federer — and, though he dropped a set for the second outing in a row with new coach Andy Murray by his side, moved into the third round with a 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2 win over Jaime Faria.

Other men advancing included No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz, who joked that he is now a “serve bot” after hitting 14 aces while dismissing Yoshihito Nishio-ka 6-0, 6-1, 6-4.

“The serve's about confidence and feeling,” Alcaraz said. “Today I felt great.”

Seeded losers included No. 6 Casper Ruud, a three-time major finalist; No. 22 Sebastian Korda and No. 27 Jordan Thompson.

Ruud was eliminated by 19-year-old Jakub Mensik of the Czech Republic 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Mensik equaled his best Grand Slam showing by getting to the third round and joined 18-year-old João Fonseca — who upset No. 9 Andrey Rublev on Tuesday — as the first pair of teens to beat top-10 men at the same Grand Slam tournament since Djokovic and Murray did it at Wimbledon in 2006.

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AMC	29	26	🏆🏆🏆 National Treasure ('04) Nicolas Cage.						🏆🏆🏆 National Treasure: Book of Secrets						
COM	45	59	Movie	🏆🏆🏆 Happy Gilmore ('96)				🏆🏆🏆🏆 Ted ('12) Mark Wahlberg.				🏆 Ted 2			
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedi..		
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Chibiv..	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Wreck-It Ralph		StuGo		StuGo	Chibiv..	BigCity		
ESPN	32	44	(4:30) NFL Football			Postga..	Basketball Duke at Boston College			Playoff		Playoff	SportC..		
FREE	18	40	(4:30) 🏆 Pirates of the Caribbean: A...			(:10) 🏆🏆🏆	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11)								
FX	40	28	UFC 311: Makhachev vs. Tsarukyan - Prelims (N) (Live)								🏆 Captain America: Civi...				
HBO	201	17	(:20) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Sully ('16) Tom Hanks.			🏆🏆🏆🏆 A Different Man ('24) (P)			(:55) 🏆 The Accountant						
MAX	270	73	(:05) The Knick		The Knick		🏆 Love & Other Drugs		(:55) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Moonlight ('16)						
NEWSNTN	20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		Hunting (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		Hunting		
PARMT	35	41	(5:00) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Top Gun: Maverick				🏆🏆🏆🏆 Top Gun: Maverick ('22) Tom Cruise.				Movie				
PARSHO	221	16	Movie	(:50) 🏆 The Dead Don't Hurt ('23)					🏆 Hell or High Water		(:45) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Pig				
TMC	233	74	🏆 Organ Trail ('23)				🏆🏆🏆 The Salvation		(:35) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Cold Mountain ('03)						
TNT	27	43	(5:30) 🏆 The Hitman's Bodyguard				Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)			🏆 Hitman's Bodyguard					
USA	26	33	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago (N)		Chicago (N)		Chicago (N)		Chicago		

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3 WAVE	6	2	(3:00) Fo..	NBCN..	To Be Announced								WAV..	
4 WTTV	4		NFL	NFL Football	Baltimore Ravens at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)						Hollywood (N)		CBS4..	
5 WLWT	2		(3:00) Fo..	NBCN..	To Be Announced								News	
8 WISH	12		News	Inside..	🏆🏆🏆 Bring It On Kirsten Dunst.				Whose	Whose	News	Sports	News	
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Videos		Videos	🏆🏆🏆🏆 Beauty and the Beast ('17)				News		
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Videos		Videos	🏆🏆🏆 The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.				News		
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Last Tango		Miss Scarlet (N)		Creatures (N)		Vienna (N)		Velvet	
19 WXIX	10		(3:00) T..	TBA	Burgers		Krapo..	Simpso..	Univer..	Burgers		Krapo..	FOX19 (N)	FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	NFL	NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)						Hollywood (N)		News		
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	🏆🏆🏆 Bring It On Kirsten Dunst.				Whose	Whose	The Grand		9-1-1	
41 WDRB	8	9	(3:00) T..	TBA	Burgers		Krapo..	Simpso..	Univer..	Burgers		Krapo..	News (N) (Live)	News
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48	
AMC	29	26	(5:30) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Gladiator Russell Crowe.						Mayfair (N)		Sanctuary (N)		Mayfair	
COM	45	59	(5:30) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 Crazy Rich Asians				🏆🏆🏆 50 First Dates ('04)				Family..		Family..	Family..
DISC	31	38	Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead		Homes..	
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	🏆🏆🏆 The Lion King ('19)				Place	Place	StuGo	
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Basketball		Playoff	Playoff	Drive (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportC..		
FREE	18	40	The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		700Club	
FX	40	28	(5:00) 🏆🏆🏆 Jungle Cruise ('21)				🏆🏆🏆🏆 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle					🏆 Jumanji: Nex...		
HBO	201	17	(15) Real Time		(15) 🏆 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels				(10) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Imitation Game				Movie	
MAX	270	73	Movie	🏆 Batman: Doom That C...			🏆🏆🏆🏆 A Star Is Born ('18)				(15) 🏆 The Color Purple			
NEWSNTN	20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		Bill O'Reilly's		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		Bill	
PARMT	35	41	(5:00) 🏆🏆🏆 Wedding Crashers						🏆🏆🏆 Couples Retreat ('09) Vince Vaughn.		🏆 Wedding Crashers			
PARSHO	221	16	(5:50) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Big Short ('15)						Dexter: Sin		The Agency (N)		Movie	
TMC	233	74	Movie		🏆 Mercy ('23)			🏆🏆🏆 War ('07) Jet Li. (P)		🏆 Once Upon a Time in America				
TNT	27	43	(4:30) 🏆🏆🏆🏆 The Color Purple (P)				🏆🏆🏆🏆 Black Panther ('18) Chadwick Boseman.					Movie		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..	

					6		4	9
			5	7			2	
		7			1			8
	8						6	5
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6	1						3	
5			9			2		
	3			2	7			
1	4		3		5			

SUDOKU

How to play:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

		3			2		1	8	
					4				9
		8				1	6	4	
	1								5
				1	7	2			
4								9	
	4	3	2					7	
9				3					
	2	8		6				5	

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HOROSCOPE

JAN. 17
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Share your creative genius, wisdom and experience with those in need. Someone close to you might be focused on rules or getting their own way. Others may not see the benefits of cooperation and compromise.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Social banter and cheerfulness might not come easily when you are preoccupied with serious matters. Sympathetic loved ones may help to lighten the mood. Putting things in order could bring you the most satisfaction.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Always honor your obligations. This may possibly be a better time to make corrections than to start new projects. A companion could boost your morale, so you won't forget to maintain a positive attitude.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
People may reflect your positive attitude and respect your ideals. Aim to create peaceful relationships by offering an olive branch when needed. Be understanding and sympathetic when appropriate.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Ambitions may rise, and some people might expect you to be more businesslike. Consider streamlining your schedule to reduce responsibilities and concerns. Do your best to ensure a pleasant environment for everyone.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You might need to polish up your image or wardrobe. There may be an opportunity to impress someone special who wants to show you off to their family or friends. Be authentic, graceful, and genuine.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A great deal may not be so great if it's for something you don't really need. Use common sense with purchases and don't be swayed by an attractive sales pitch. Finish your work before diving into social activities.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
While you might receive praise for your tasks, career, and business efforts, awkward social situations could pose challenges. Avoid getting caught up in group dynamics that pinpoint your deficiencies.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A little energy and effort could yield significant rewards but you might feel like you're not in control. However, deep down, you know you're taking the steps that will benefit you most in the long run.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A slight chance doesn't automatically make something right. Someone might try to assert their dominance, but you don't have to react. Consider taking some time to determine the most ethical course of action.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might have a gift for thrift and luck. Be mindful of spending funds on little things when it is possible a really big thing could come your way in the future. Take your financial integrity into your own hands.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Sometimes, hesitation could be a sign of wisdom and strategy. When dealing with older individuals or those in authority, a bit of formality and respectful distance may be the best way to ensure their support.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NINOUC

HERTW


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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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"JAWS" PREMIERED IN 1975. IT BECAME A SUCCESS BASED ON THE REACTION OF THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer "here: [] - []"

WORD SLEUTH ● INTERJECTIONS

K R O L I E B Y V S Q N K H E
B Y W T R P O L J A G E B G Y
Y W U R P H N K Y E K I R C I
G L D B G E S U N D H E I T Z
X V O S Q W C E O M A E R K I
G E C M A K Y H E T S G W U U
S Q P N Y L W J S H H Y F E E
C A Y X V L H C A O S L U S S
Q P N S K O O Z D A G L P M K
J H F E O T A H C B Z O Y X V
U T R B T M M H Q P O G O M L

Thursday's unlisted clue: LAVER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: WHAT AN UMPIRE HEARS

Crikey	Golly gee	Holy moly	Sheesh
Eureka	Gosh	Oops	Whoa
Gadzooks	Great Scott	Phew	Yuck
Gesundheit	Hmm	Shazam	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cry

4 Vault

8 Daly and Allen

12 Common title start

13 Killer whale

14 Web addresses

15 Pithy joke

17 Legume

18 Suggests

19 TV guide abbr.

21 Wager

22 Expulsion

26 Errand runner

29 Whatever number

30 Hwy.

31 Caspian Sea feeder

32 Keats creation

33 Go caroling

34 Capitol VIP

35 Year in Madrid

36 Epic narratives

37 On/off switch

39 "You've got mail" co.

40 Documentarian

41 Obligations

45 Beige

48 The whole crowd

50 Ache

51 Aswan's river

52 Victory

53 Abbr. on a schedule

54 Ticked (off)

55 Annex

2 "It can't be!"

3 Hive

4 Hang around

5 Painter

6 Expert

7 Series opener

8 Big brass

9 Rage

10 Org. with a style

11 Nine-digit ID

16 Slander in print

20 Purchase

23 Advanced math

24 Sicilian peak

25 Bylaws, briefly

26 Sudden wind

27 Disc-shaped

28 Sharp cookie

29 Commotion

32 Penny

33 Like seawater

35 Boxing legend

36 Turned bad

38 Hog's "hello"

39 "Hello" singer

42 Illinois neighbor

43 Wife of Geraint

44 Fax

45 Clean air org.

46 Baseball fan's head-wear

47 Tear

49 Compete

Solution time: 25 mins.

Today's solution

HOROSCOPE

JAN. 18
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Use your imagination to visualize the life you want to live, then take the necessary actions to achieve it. You might make the best impression on others by participating in group gatherings and social events.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You might have intelligent ideas or brilliant suggestions. Those close to you could thrive if they collaborate with you on a stunning business plan. However, some may be defensive and resistant to change.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Someone might be hoping to make peaceful overtures. Consider giving them the benefit of the doubt and accept sincere apologies. Escape into a fantasy world by watching a movie or listening to uplifting music.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
A quiet evening at home might suit your mood tonight. The right person for you could be in tune with you and share a deep connection. Minor misunderstandings may fade away under the late evening stars.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Deception won't allow achievement to last. Be straightforward and completely transparent in all your dealings. Consider discussing all the details and lay your ideas on the table to avoid misunderstandings.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Remember the saying, "sympathy invites discord." Stand on your own two feet and avoid complaining or seeking sympathy. By this time tomorrow, all doubts may be dispelled, and the future could be clearer.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You might be ready to make a positive change if you no longer feel content with certain things and people. It could be difficult to choose between optimism and pessimism just to break free of the routine.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Engaging in competitive hobbies may fulfill your desire for excitement. Consider working behind the scenes to ensure key activities run smoothly. Lean into support from loved ones for a weekend outing.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The best things in life are free. Be resourceful and find new ways to cut costs or acquire worthwhile items with minimal effort. A desire for traditional routines might clash with someone's plans.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Create a collection of feel-good memories, by taking pictures and saving keepsakes. Fleeting moments of fun or spontaneous acts of kindness could build a treasure trove of happiness to look back on.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
No matter how challenging things get, keep going. You may have plenty of organizational skills and patience. Stay focused on working with allies and groups united for success towards a common goal.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Others may have walked in your shoes and might understand you better than you think. Consider taking pictures or collecting a few souvenirs to remind you of a great experience. Relish in special pastimes.

JUMBLE

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MOHPO


NLTUAF

GRMEEE

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Let's put it back up. Maybe she won't notice.

I've got glue and tape. We can fix this.

THEY'D BROKEN THEIR MOM'S FAVORITE CLOCK. SHE'D FIND OUT - IT WAS JUST A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"[] - []" [] []

WORD SLEUTH ● MY FAVORITE BRIT WORDS

X B X U R O Y L I E B Y Y V S
Y Q N K H E R B Y T W G B A T
R P O L J G R B E B O Y B P W
U R P P N K O I O B G O O P D
B Z X A V N L I S N I B B U G
S Q O M N K I M R Y K G E C C
A Y W E K N A C K E R E D R U
S Q T P N C B L O K E L R I J
H F E C K A Y X V I U H S S Q
P N Y E M I L B M R K J C P H
F E D E F F U H C C C B Z S Y

Friday's unlisted clue: BOO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: BRIT FOR DIAPER

Blimey	Bonnet	Crikey	Gubbins
Bloke	Boot	Crisps	Knackered
Bobby	Cheerio	Cuppa	Lorry
Bonkers	Chuffed	Gobsnacked	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Detox center

6 Gives up

12 Swiss metropolis

13 Unexpected

14 Ingratiate

15 Stahl of "60 Minutes"

16 Disposition

17 "La — Bonita"

19 Casual shirt

20 Third son

22 Capote nickname

24 Canine greeting

27 Furnace fuel

29 Branches

32 President of South Africa, 1994-1999

35 Pronto

36 Monumental

37 Half dozen

38 Fannie —

40 Former Laker

42 Sashimi fish

44 Neatnik's nightmare

46 Jazzy

50 Legislative group

52 Camelot king

54 Aerie newborn

55 Organize an art show

56 Pueblo structures

57 Recognizes

2 Within (Pref.)

3 Obeys

4 "Selma" director

5 Male singing voice

6 Humpty's perch

7 Skip — (flutter)

8 Tax-collecting org.

9 Birds of prey

10 Duel tool

11 Ocular woe

12 Tiara jewel

18 Rug cleaner

21 — -friendly

23 "Awesome, dude!"

24 Navarro of "The View"

25 Scale members

26 Pink wading bird

28 Relaxed

30 Roman 1051

31 Coltrane's instrument

33 Aromatherapy spot

34 Sgt., e.g.

39 Lauder of cosmetics

41 Paris subway

42 Cruising

43 Lettuce unit

45 Reply to "Shall we?"

47 Spring meltdown

48 Mild rebukes

49 "How — you?"

51 Cleric's tunic

53 Scamper

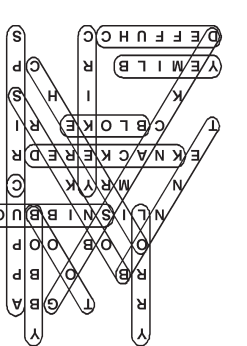
Solution time: 26 mins.

Today's solution

Sudoku solution

8	9	4	7	9	6	8	2	1
9	1	2	4	7	1	8	9	6
8	2	6	9	1	2	8	4	9
1	6	8	9	8	9	2	4	4
4	9	8	2	1	1	9	6	8
9	2	1	8	6	4	9	1	8
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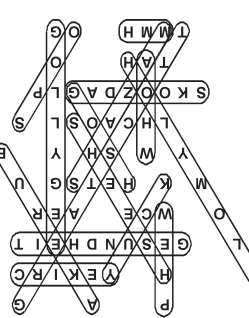
Sleuth solution



Sudoku solution

9	7	6	9	8	8	2	4	1
4	1	9	1	2	9	8	8	6
8	8	4	1	6	9	1	2	9
2	8	4	8	9	1	6	1	9
1	6	8	8	9	1	9	2	4
9	9	1	2	6	4	8	2	4
8	9	1	4	2	7	1	6	8
1	2	8	6	7	9	4	9	8
6	4	7	9	8	8	1	9	2

Sleuth solution



Reds reach broadcast deal on FanDuel

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds announced Monday it had reached an agreement to return to their former regional sports network partner for the upcoming season.

The Reds will have their games air locally on FanDuel Sports Network Ohio.

Both sides announced in November they were ending their joint venture while Diamond Sports Group was

in bankruptcy proceedings. The Reds had a 20% stake in what is now FanDuel Sports Network Ohio. Diamond bought back the team's stake for \$1.

Diamond emerged out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Jan. 2 as Main Street Sports Group. The Reds had planned to have their games produced and distributed by Major League Baseball until changing course.

As part of the agreement, cable and satellite subscribers in the Reds TV territory can stream games and other programming on the FanDuel Sports Network app. Subscribers to FanDuel Sports Network on a direct-to-consumer basis will also have access to the games.

Doug Healy, the Reds chief operating officer and chief financial officer, said the decision helps provide

continuity for fans to watch games like they had in previous seasons. "The decision to stay with FanDuel

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY COMMISSIONERS' CERTIFICATE SALE
Jefferson County Indiana
Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,
March 12, 2025
Jefferson County EMA Building

STATE OF INDIANA

Jefferson County

Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly and by resolution of the Jefferson County Commissioners, notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or items of real property are listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments. Pursuant to a change in law, this publication will appear only once in newspapers. Subsequent notices can be found at www.jeffersoncounty.in.gov. The minimum sale prices listed below are less than the minimum sale prices when offered in the immediately preceding county tax sale held under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 and include all fees and expenses of the county directly attributable to the Commissioners' Certificate Sale. The Jefferson County Commissioners will accept bids for the certificates of sale, for the price referred to in IC 6-1.1-24-6.1(a)(3), by public auction on 03/12/2025 at 10:00 AM Courthouse Time at Jefferson County EMA Building. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2(b)10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date / time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale.

Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1, a business entity that seeks to register to bid in an Indiana Commissioners' Certificate Sale must provide to the county treasurer, a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-2-3 from the Secretary of State. Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property

descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.

A person redeeming each tract or item of real property after the sale of the certificate must pay: (A) the amount of the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale; (B) ten percent (10%) of the amount for which the certificate is sold; (C) the attorney's fees and costs of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (D) the costs of a title search or of examining and updating the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property; (E) all taxes and special assessments on the tract or item of real property paid by the purchaser after the sale of the certificate plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum on the amount of taxes and special assessments paid by the purchaser on the redeemed property; and (F), all costs of sale, advertising costs, and other expenses of the county directly attributable to the sale of the certificate.

If the certificate is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid under Section 5 of IC 6-1.1-24 for which the tract or item of real property was last offered for sale and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the tract or item of real property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus.

Indiana law prohibits a person who owes delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, or costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, from purchasing tracts or items of real property at a tax sale. Prior to bidding at a tax sale, each bidder must affirm under the penalties for perjury that he or she does not owe delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs directly attributable to a prior tax sale, amounts from a final adjudication in favor of a political subdivision in this county, any civil penalties imposed for the violation of a building code or ordinance of this county, or any civil penalties imposed by a health department in this

county. Further, each bidder must acknowledge that any successful bid made in violation of the above statement is subject to forfeiture. In the event of forfeiture, the bid amount shall be applied to the delinquent taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, costs, judgments, or civil penalties of the ineligible bidder, and a certificate will be issued to the county executive.

The Commissioners specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to the start or during the duration of the auction. The Auditor's Office does not warrant the accuracy of the key numbers or street addresses published herein and any misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.

Dated: 01/17/2025

392400002 39-06-17-111-011.000-001 \$200.00 Neely Ken & Vickie 004-00869-00 28 FT E SIDE LOT 3 DEPUTY 4-44-26 1400+ MAIN ST 14160 W MAIN ST DEPUTY 47230-0000

392400035 39-09-08-441-019.000-006 \$125.00 GROVES PAUL & GRIFFIN ROBERT 010-01520-00 LOT 6 JEFF LAKE S 10-58-244 3000+ E LEGION RD 3000 + E LEGION RD MADISON 47250-0000

392400053 39-08-28-112-024.000-007 \$200.00 COX BONNIE L & ROBERT A 011-00868-00 NW NE 28-4-10 .714 AC. 11-19-28 1202 WELLS DR 1202 WELLS DR MADISON 47250-0000

392400055 39-08-28-221-041.000-007 \$125.00 EKL Properties LLC 011-02058-00 PT LOT 45 DOLLY MADISON HGTS 11-53-33.1 .0322A 1333 Wells Dr SOLD 2000 TAX SALE 1333 WELLS DR MADISON 47250-0000

Total Number of Properties: 4

I hereby certify that the above real properties have been offered in one tax sale, have not received a bid for at least the amount required under I.C. 6-1.1-24-5 and have been identified in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for Jefferson County, Indiana, to be offered for sale. Heather Huff, Auditor, Jefferson County Indiana. hspaxlp

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Town of Hanover
Hanover Community Center,
200 Spruce Lane,
Hanover, IN 47243

Pursuant to applicable law, the Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

The property location: 246 East Main St., Hanover, IN 47243, zoned as B-1

The Petitioner and Owner Tyler Ashby, 246 East Main St., Hanover, IN 47243.

Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Variance for building a garage for auto detailing.

Pursuant to applicable law, the Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 immediately following the previous meeting at 6:00 p.m. or whichever comes later.

1. The property location is 213 West Main St., Hanover, IN 47243. Petitioner and Owner: Robert Phillips, B&K Assets, LLC, 3195 S River Bluff Drive, Hanover, IN 47243. Present zoning B-2 general business; request rezone to R-4 residential.

2. The property location is 221 East LaGrange Road, Hanover, IN 47243. Petitioner and Owner: Scott Williams, 5380 West Mel's Lane, Hanover, IN 47243. Present zoning B-1 Residential Business; request rezone to B-3 highway business.

The Contact Person is: Treva Shelton. Questions may be answered by calling Town Hall at (812) 866-2131 during normal business hours. Written comments in support of or in opposition to the proposed business may be filed with Hanover Town Hall prior to or at the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearings may need to be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Said Public Hearing will be open to the public and any objectors will be heard at this meeting.

For special accommodations needed for disabled individuals planning to attend, phone (812-866-2131 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE

JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION and JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the appointment of Pat Magrath as attorney for the Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals and to approve the attorney agreement for the year 2025. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, PLAN COMMISSION and BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Taylor B. Baulac, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals

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JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to hear an application for Zone Map Change (rezoning) filed by Jerry Band David B Ferguson for the following parcel to be rezoned from Residential and Agricultural to General Business: Parcel number 39-04-09-000-015.000-005. Immediately following the public hearing, the Jefferson County Plan Commission will hold its REGULAR MEETING to discuss recommendation of the Zone Map Change. The Plan Commission may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Taylor Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Plan Commission.

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**LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY,
INDIANA BOARD OF
ZONING APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Board of Zoning Appeals will meet in Executive Session, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, directly following the Joint Meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation as authorized under IC 5.14-1.5-6.(b)(2)(B). BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS BY: Taylor B. Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals

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Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Plan Commission on January 21, 2025, at 5:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Surveyor's Office, located at 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana, will conduct a public hearing for an application requesting a Zone Map Change from Residential and Agricultural to General Business.

Interested persons may appear in person or by counsel to present their views upon the proposed application for the Zone Map Change. Written comments or objections to this application may be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission at/or before the hearing and will be considered by the Plan Commission.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as the Commission may deem necessary. A copy of the application of the Zone Map Change is on file in the Jefferson County Plan Commission Office at 315 Jefferson Street, Courthouse Annex Building, Madison, Indiana, for public examination. The Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Office can be contacted at 812-274-3928 or by email at taylor.baulac@jefferson-county.in.gov

The Nature of the Requested Zone Map Change is: **Parcel number 39-04-09-000-015.000-005: To construct a 10,640 square feet building and parking lot for a commercial retail development.** At the following commonly known address:

10000 N SR 7, Dupont, IN, 47231 in Lancaster Township and more fully described at **Sec 9, T 5, R 9**

Application submitted by: **Jerry Band David B Ferguson**

By order of the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission Attest: Taylor Baulac, PC Administrator/Secretary

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A Five-Year Review is required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund, and the National Contingency Plan or NCP to ensure a remedy's effectiveness in protecting human health and the environment, and to identify issues and provide recommendations. The purpose of a Five-Year Review is to check if the cleanup plan is working to keep people and the environment safe. It also identifies any problems and suggests ways to fix them. The review looks at past records and visits the site to see how things are going.

Explosive Burn Area and Abandoned Landfill (Sites 3/4): The remedy at Sites 3/4 is currently protective, but additional action is needed for long-term safety, including investigating 1,4-dioxane in groundwater and updating the risk assessment if necessary.

Building 602 Former Solvent Pit (Site 12A): The remedy at Site 12A is currently protective, but long-term protectiveness requires additional action to ensure continued safety.

Three actions are needed:

1. Evaluate vapor intrusion risk and consider additional controls.
2. Investigate 1,4-dioxane in groundwater.
3. Re-assess contaminants of concern and update cleanup levels as needed.

Building 617 Former Solvent Pit (Site 12B): The remedy at Site 12B is currently protective, but additional action is needed for long-term safety. Three actions are needed:

1. Evaluate vapor intrusion risk.
2. Investigate 1,4-dioxane in groundwater.
3. Re-assess contaminants of concern and update cleanup levels as needed.

The state of Indiana's Department of Environmental Management agreed with the findings of the Five-Year Review on December 5, 2024. The Final Five-Year Review Report will be available for public review at:

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If you have questions or want more information about the Jefferson Proving Ground cleanup, please contact:

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MONDAY, JAN. 20
BASKETBALL
Trimble Co. boys at Frankfort Christian, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21
BASKETBALL
Carroll Co. girls basketball at Gallatin Co., 6 p.m.
Shawe girls host New Washington, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys vs. Rising Sun, Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys basketball at Gallatin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Charlestown, 7:30 p.m.
Madison girls host Scottsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Cornerstone Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Oldham Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Madison hosts Scottsburg, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, Lawrenceburg, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING
Madison boys at Jennings Co., 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Lawrenceburg, 6 p.m.

REDS

FROM PAGE B6

Sports Network provides continuity for our fans to watch Reds games as in previous seasons, and now with a direct-to-consumer streaming product available through the FanDuel Sports Network app.”

It is the second time in two weeks a team has decided to return to the regional sports network model instead of MLB. The Milwaukee Brewers announced on Dec. 31 it was also going back to FanDuel Sports Network after their deal expired at the end of the 2024 season.

Main Street Sports has the rights for nine MLB teams for the upcoming season. MLB will produce and distribute games for five teams in 2025.



David Campbell

Madison’s Kenzie Smith (12), Mylee McQueary (34), Kylie Montgomery and Addison Roark (23) congratulate teammate Juliana Davis (4) after Davis scored her 1,000th-career point in the Cubs’ loss to Silver Creek on Tuesday.

POINTS

FROM PAGE B1

On the next possession, Davis stole a Creek pass and sprinted toward the basket where she was met by Dragons Emma Schoen and Hannah Senn who fouled her hard. Davis went to the floor in pain and was down for a few moments before getting up, limping to the line and swishing both attempts to cut the margin to seven and push her over 1,000.

“I’m very proud, not just because of my 1,000 points, but as a team, we worked our butts off,” Davis said. “If we turned the ball over or we did something bad, we would get up and go back out there. We wouldn’t worry about that turnover, we don’t worry about anything. We just get back up and just move on to the next play. That’s what I like about our team.”

Madison had two possessions after cutting it to seven to get even closer but couldn’t convert either. Silver Creek took advantage, getting a bucket by Shoen and a free throw from Lydia Wright to push the lead back to double-digits. McQueary and Davis each hit a pair of free throws down the



Madison’s Juliana Davis (4) is fouled by Silver Creek’s Emma Schoen (1) and Hannah Senn (15) on a drive to the basket on Tuesday. Davis hit both free throws to reach the 1,000-point milestone as a Lady Cub.

stretch for Madison, but to no avail.

Davis finished with 25 points to lead all scorers and her 1,002 career points is currently ninth on the school’s all-time list. As a junior, she has a shot to topple Brittney Myers’ school record of 1,551 points set 21 years ago, in 2004. McQueary added 10 points for the Cubs.

Schoen had 21 points to lead Silver Creek and Renn

scored 18. Wright came off the bench to score 13 points.

Madison’s make-up game on Thursday against Brownstown Central has been canceled and no second make-up date has been announced. The Cubs’ next matchup is at Class 3A No. 9 Corydon Central (14-3) on Saturday, another strong potential sectional opponent. Madison then hosts Scottsburg on Tuesday.

HANOVER

FROM PAGE B1

travels to Mount St. Joseph on Saturday and heads to Berea on Wednesday for a pair of conference tilts.

HANOVER WOMEN GET WIN
Hanover women’s basketball held on late to pick up a 73-70 win at Rose-Hulman on Wednesday.

The Panthers led by 10 (58-48) with 7:40 to play but Rose-Hulman cut the lead to one three times — the

last with 39 seconds left. But Alexis Wines hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds to go for Hanover and Grace Bezold made a free throw with one second left to seal the win.

Bezold scored 25 points and had 11 rebounds to lead Hanover while Wines had 21 points. Katherine Benter had 13 points and Sammy Berman had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Panthers.

Hanover, now 12-3 overall and 6-2 in the HCAC, heads to Mount St. Joseph on Saturday and hosts Berea next Wednesday for another pair of conference games.



David Campbell

Shawe’s Odyssey Felix (5) deflects the ball from Crothersville’s Jazlin Gibson while battling for possession during the Hilltoppers’ win at home on Monday.

BARRON

FROM PAGE B1

TRIMBLE LOSES TO WALTON
Trimble County boys basketball dropped a 72-16 decision to Walton-Verona in the opening round of the All “A” Classic Eighth Region Tournament at Owen County on Monday.

No statistics from the game were available.

Trimble, now 4-9 on the season, headed

to Henry County on Thursday and hosts Dayton on Friday. The Raiders then travel to Frankfort Christian on Monday.

PACERS LOSE IN RIVERTOWN
Switzerland County’s boys lost 60-49 to Lawrenceburg in the semifinals of the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Tuesday.

No statistics from the game were available.

Switzerland, now 5-5, heads to Southwestern on Friday and faces Rising Sun in the third place game of the Rivertown Classic on Tuesday.



AP Photo/Michael Conroy

Cleveland Cavaliers forward Georges Niang (20) drives on Indiana Pacers guard Ben Sheppard (26) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Cavs halt Pacers’ 6-game win streak 127-117

BY MARK AMBROGI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Donovan Mitchell scored 35 points and the NBA-leading Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Indiana Pacers 127-117 on Tuesday night.

Darius Garland scored 24 points and Evan Mobley added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

Pascal Siakam scored 23 points and Bennedict Mathurin 19 for the Pacers, who had their six-game winning streak halted. Myles Turned added 17 points.

The Cavaliers led 82-77 in the third quarter before going on a 10-0 run that included 3-pointers by Max Strus, Georges Niang and Mobley. Cleveland led 100-89 after three periods.

Indiana cut its deficit to 111-106, but could get no closer.

With Indiana trailing 120-111, Mathurin lost his cool and was ejected after drawing his second technical with 3:58 left. Mitchell sank both technical free throws and Mobley hit one of two free throws.

The Pacers had ended the host Cavaliers’ 12-game winning streak with a 108-93 victory on Sunday night.

Indiana played without All-Star point guard Tyrese Haliburton, who was sidelined with left groin strain.

TAKEAWAYS
Cavaliers: Cleveland was able to bounce back from their first loss since Dec. 8 with a 49-37 rebounding edge. The Cavaliers shut down Siakam in the second half, limiting him to two points and five shots.

Pacers: Indiana missed Haliburton, and his replacement, Ben Sheppard, had just two assists and shot 1 for 6.

KEY MOMENT
After the Pacers closed the deficit to 115-109, Garland sank a 27-foot, 3-pointer to put Cleveland ahead 118-109 with 4:48 left.

KEY STAT
The Cavaliers sank 26 of 31 free throws. That was nine more free throws than the Pacers (17 of 22). Both teams shot 48% from the field.

SUSPENDED
On Wednesday night, the NBA suspended Mathurin for one game without pay for inappropriate contact and verbal abuse of a game official.

Mathurin was penalized for his actions with 3:58 left in the Pacers’ loss to Cleveland on Tuesday. He was to sit out Indiana’s game in Detroit on Thursday night. He’s averaging 16.5 points in 41 games this season.



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